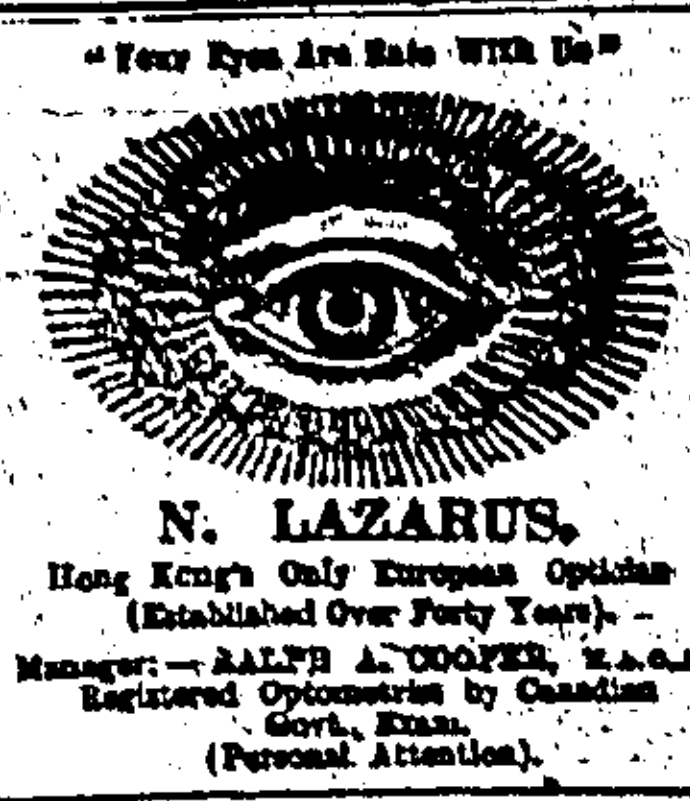


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## CITY LOST FOR 1,500 YEARS.

### MAYA RUINS IN THE BUSH.

#### CHUMUCHA TEMPLES AND PYRAMIDS.

### BRITISH EXPEDITION'S GREAT FINDS.

The British Museum expedition, which returned recently from Central America, had an exceptionally interesting and successful field season in the south-west of British Honduras, a region hardly explored hitherto. In the previous year the existence of ruins in this locality had been reported by a mahogany cutter, searching for these trees in the forest, and the object of the members of the expedition, which consisted of Captain Gruning, Mr. Olive-Smith, and myself, was to explore and report upon this discovery.

We found a complete ruined Maya city, lost for 1,500 years in the depths of the virgin bush which covers this part of Central America, and unvisited and unknown except perhaps to a few wandering Indian hunters, who would pass it without interest, not realising that it was the work of their great ancestors of 50 generations ago.

We named it "Chumucha" or "between the waters," as it is in the fork formed by two streams.

Secret Of Hieroglyphics.  
The city was divided into a civil and religious centre. Of the latter, the plaza, surrounded by 6 stone-faced pyramids, upon which originally stood the temples, was the centre. Within it were found no fewer than 20 great monoliths, ranging from A.D. 314 to 71.

Some of these monoliths contained over 100 hieroglyphics, among the longest inscriptions ever found in the Maya area. These no doubt gave a complete history of the events which occurred in the city during the 50-year periods they were put up to commemorate. Unfortunately, though we can decipher to a day the dates on the monuments, the other hieroglyphics, recording historical events, are as yet a sealed book to us.

The civil centre consisted of great ranges of terraces 250 ft. high, artificially constructed, and walled with large blocks of stone. They were cut into the sides of the hills, which occupy both banks of the Pusilla River.

Bridge Still Standing.  
Connecting these two sets of residential terraces was a bridge across the river, the only aboriginal structure of the kind known on the American Continent.

It consists of two stone abutments, 13 ft. high, with paved spillways beside each, to carry off the flood water. It has withstood for 15 centuries the tremendous floods which occur in this river during the rainy season, when great logs come hurtling down the swollen stream like battering rams, and is still in almost as good a state of preservation as when it was first constructed, a stupendous task in engineering for a people acquainted only with stone implements.

It is doubtful whether any modern bridge would be in an equally good state of preservation if unrepared for 1,500 years. Another extremely important discovery was a cave at the base of one of the residential terraces, which had evidently been used as a rubbish

depository during the life of the city, as its floor was covered with an earth layer, 6 in. deep, full of broken fragments of pottery, flint, and obsidian implements. Some of the pottery, are exquisitely coloured in red, green, yellow, black and white, and ornamented with human figures and hieroglyphic inscriptions, and it is hoped next year to obtain from this cave rubbish heap a perfect picture of the gradual evolution of culture in the city from the earliest to the latest period.

Such a stratigraphic record has never before been obtained in the Maya area.

We dug out a number of burial mounds, in one of which an Indian found a beautiful sculptured nearly life-sized statue. It was that of an old man with a diabolical mouth, and lips, and slanting, malignant eyes. Instead of delivering this up he took it home with him, probably with the idea of stealing it. That night there occurred a terrific shock of earthquake.

Next morning our Indian labourers turned up in front of the shack when we were having early coffee. Their spokesman, an evil-faced old man, who had found the dead, produced it from his shirt-bag, dumped it on the table, announced that they were not going to work any more, and demanded their wages.

Had they left us we could have been in an extremely awkward position, for in the middle of the bush with no carriers to take out our baggage. I tried persuasion, but with no effect. Finally I told them that if they deserted they would get no back pay. This gave them pause, and after conferring together they decided not to down tools.

Later, I discovered the cause of the strike. It appeared they were all aroused in the early hours of the morning by the quake. To them, lying in their hammocks, shivering with fear, the finder of the head related his tale. In the night, he said, the head had erected itself and spoken to him as follows:

"You are all committing a terrible crime in digging up the graves of your ancestors, and tomorrow you must leave work and never return. If you do not, you shall die within the year. The old gods have no power over the Christians, who worship a new God of their own, but they have complete power over you, whose ancestors worshipped them."

Empire's Only Maya City.  
The finding of this compact little city with its many unique features, a bridge 30 feet wide over the river, cave rubbish heaps from which the art history of the city may be reconstructed over a period of many centuries, and a profusion of dated monoliths is one of the most important discoveries in American archaeology during recent years.

A most important point about the discovery is that Chumucha is the only known ancient Maya city in the British Empire.

The British Museum will continue the work of exploration next year.

## RENEWED YOUTH IN A PLAY.

### DR. VORONOFF DENIES ITS POSSIBILITY.

Paris, Nov. 29th.  
"I do not think science will ever succeed in making time go backward! The idea that old men can be turned into youths, physically energetic, must be considered only as a literary fancy, an interesting thought, but not true."

The statement, emphasised with technical explanations, was made last night by Dr. Serge Voronoff, gland specialist, in an interview with a New York Herald (Paris Edition) representative. "Such dreams are absurd," he added.

"Popular literature must not be taken for science, nor must popular beliefs be taken for reality. To think that old people desire to regain their youth, want to be young again, for the mere physical experience of being so, is erroneous. Very few do, as I have reason to know, and those who convey that

the desires that are generally ascribed to them."

The arguments advanced by the specialist were part of his analysis on "Professor Satolloyon," his dramatic counterpart in Arnold Bennett's new "gland play," which is being produced in Paris by the English Players at the Theatre Albert I.

The action of the play proceeded with the eighty-year-old Dr. Henry Fausting transformed into a man of thirty by Satolloyon's gland operation, and falling in love with a nineteen-year-old girl student, but Dr. Voronoff, who was present, repeatedly shook his head as if in disagreement.

When discussing his reactions at the end of the play, Dr. Voronoff admitted that a man who had lived "wholly joyous life, a man who had espoused learning in preference to the world, its loves, its sorrows, a man like the character, Dr. Fausting, might desire to live over part of his life, to taste all the experiences and emotions he had missed. But," he said, "people who develop one side of nature in the course of a long life are very

## DIARY OF EVENTS.

### To-day.

(December 29th.)

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club: Managerie Race or Re-sail.  
Industrial and Commercial Bank 12th Ordinary general meeting, 3 p.m.

Cricket:—Division I.: Chinese v. Police (F), Craigengower v. Indians (L). Division II.: Kowloon v. Civil Service (L), Hong Kong C.O. v. Recreation (L), Hong Kong Electric v. Indians (F), R.A.S.C. v. R.A.O.C. (F).

Football:—First Division: Chinese v. K.O.S.B., Kowloon v. Police, Queen's v. South China, Recreation v. Club. Second Division: University v. R.A.F., South China v. K.O.S.B., Eastern v. Navy, Queen's v. Kowloon, Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's, Recreation v. South China v. Chinese v. Small Units.

Queen's Theatre: "The Divine Woman."  
World Theatre: "Seventh Heaven."

Star Theatre: "Paris at Midnight."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsular Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, King Edward Hotel, and St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Pres. Wilson). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.30 a.m.

### Sunday.

(December 30th.)

"Ritual Day" Concert and Dance: Peninsular Hotel, Filipino Community of Hong Kong, 9 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Madame Pompadour."

World Theatre: "The Quarterback."

Star Theatre: "The Magic Flame."

European Mail:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Kum Sang).

### Monday.

(December 31st.)

New Year's Eve.  
Sale of Crown Land Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2162, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Madame Pompadour."

World Theatre: "The Quarterback."

Star Theatre: "The Magic Flame."

New Year Carnivals:—Hong Kong Hotel (Special Dinner Dance), 8 p.m.; Repulse Bay Hotel (Carnival); Lane, Crawford's Restaurant (Special Carnival Dinner Dance); King Edward Hotel (Special Dinner Dance); Craigengower Cricket Club Dance.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsular Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.

Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

### Tuesday.

(January 1st, 1929.)

New Year's Day.  
Kowloon Cricket Club Children's Sports.

Entries close for U.S.R.C. Tournaments.

Football:—Charity Match: Navy v. Army.

Cricket:—First Division: University Past v. Present (F), I.R.C. Captain v. Vice Captain (F), H.K. C.C. v. Navy (F). Second Division: I.R.C. Captain v. Vice Captain (F).

Lawn Bowls:—Aitkenhead Shield: Hong Kong v. Kowloon, K.B.G.C. ground, 2.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "A Girl in Every Port."

World Theatre: "Behind the Front."

Star Theatre: "The Better Ole."

New Year Tiffin: Repulse Bay Hotel, 1 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsular Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford's Restaurant and St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (President Jackson), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Chen-

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### FOREIGN CAPITAL IN MANCHURIA.

#### CHANGED JAPANESE ATTITUDE.

PEKING, Dec 18th (U.P.)  
An organized effort to interest American and European capital in the development of Manchuria, the most fertile and prosperous area in China to-day, is now being made by Chang Tso Lin's eldest son, Chang Hsueh Liang.  
The "Young General," as he is known, who succeeded his father at Mukden, has decided to send several emissaries to the United States and to the principal European capitals, armed with facts and figures showing the potential riches of Manchuria, and prepared, it has been learned, to make some very substantial concessions for development of new projects in the Three Eastern Provinces.  
Young Chang, according to reliable sources from Mukden, has obtained the full approval of the Japanese-owned South Manchuria Railway Company's officials to this plan, and the Japanese will give the Chinese in Mukden any necessary assistance in their endeavours to interest other foreign capital.

American and European Capital Welcomed.

This proposal marks some change in the attitude both of the Chinese and the Japanese interests in Manchuria. For some years, the Japanese entertained hopes of building up exclusive rights in Manchuria, shutting out competition from other foreign financial interests. The Chinese, on the other hand, wanted nothing to do with any foreigners, especially the Japanese, and all their efforts were obstructive.

The new policy—or modified policy—indicated by these efforts to interest American and European capital, augurs well for the future prosperity of Manchuria and for eventual settlement by peaceful means of the Manchurian problem.

Several foreigners who have recently visited Mukden and talked with Chang Hsueh Liang and other leaders there, are convinced that Young Chang and his followers are persuaded that they can best devote their time for the next several years exclusively to Manchuria, leaving the rest of China to its own resources. Old Chang Tso Lin was obsessed with the notion of controlling Peking, but Young Chang has assured foreign friends that he always disagreed with his father on this point, and that he has no interest in extending his rule beyond the Three Eastern Provinces.

He has shown a mild interest in the development of the Kuomintang Government at Nanking, and has accepted Nanking's offer to serve in what amounts to an honorary capacity on the State Council. He has exchanged professions of friendship with General Chiang Kai Shek, but developments at Nanking and in North China have not been of a nature to encourage Mukden leaders to part with any of their privileges in Manchuria for the present.

Ingenious Guarantee of Peace.  
The inspiration which caused Manchurian militarists to carry off most of the rolling stock in North China when they evacuated Peking last spring was one of the most effective means of defence conceivable. No invasion of Manchuria is possible without rolling stock, and the Mukden warlords have as long as they require to consolidate their position in Manchuria. The fact that North China has been economically strangled by the same action has apparently not made any impression upon Mukden.

In recent interviews, Young Chang and his followers have shown a preoccupation with Manchurian interests, with very slight concern for what happens in the rest of China. They have been tactful in mentioning Japan, and no attempt has been made to extend the anti-Japanese boycott to Manchuria. But at the same time, the Chinese leaders have indicated they are quite as independent of Japanese control as old Chang Tso Lin was.

There appears to be a growing prospect of a long period of peace and prosperity in Manchuria, whatever happens in the rest of China. International relations appear to be improving simultaneously.

## CINEMA NEWS.

### "A GIRL IN EVERY PORT."

Victor McLaglen, the star of "What Price Glory," has a role well suited to him as a happy-go-lucky young sailor in "A Girl in Every Port," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday. The picture opens in Amsterdam where McLaglen is seen on his way to the home of one of his sweethearts. He is surprised to find she is now married and mother of a large family. The scene moves to another port where the hero finds that yet another of his girls has been stolen and he determines to find the man who is responsible. How he discovers the identity of his rival is told in a series of amusing situations with a dramatic climax.

## FASCISM AND THE CINEMA.

### NEW SOCIETY IN ITALY.

#### SIGNOR BISI'S AIMS.

Rome, December 1st.  
In old days the cinematograph industry was one of the most flourishing in Italy; and the films gained a footing in all the markets of the world. The rise of the great American industry after the war, lack of industrial organisation in the old film companies, as well as insufficient capital to put them on a basis of modern efficiency—all contributed to produce a serious crisis.

For some time the Fascist Government has tried to revive the industry but at first found it inadvisable to employ State capital in the venture. As the limited home market could not cover the expense of producing costly films to compete with American super-films, it was necessary to go gradually to work in solving the problem. In June, 1927, a law was passed decreeing that the most important cinema halls, called "prima prima," must show films of national production for certain number of days in the year, the number to be settled according as there were more or less national films on the market. These must be prepared under Italian management; and subject, authors and actors must all be Italian. A commission was appointed to ensure the moral, political, and artistic excellence of the films.

Another decree allows "nationalised" films as well as Italian ones to be given an "obligation days." "Nationalised films" are those foreign productions allowed into the country in exchange for Italian films acquired for the foreign market. This arrangement pays both parties; for instance, an important American house selling an average of 50 films a year is ready to accept an exchange of 10 per cent. Italian films in order to keep an open market, while Italy is glad to gain an open door in America.

Signor Bisi's Society.  
Although a great believer in its own special legislation the Fascist Government knows that it cannot prove a panacea for depression in the cinema industry, and, therefore, it has enabled an international Institute of Educational Films to be established in the fine Renaissance villa at Frascati, the Fascist, and has also created a new National Society (*Ente Nazionale*) for the ordinary film industry in Italy. Up to the present Italy has only one film producing good films, Casa Pitta Lunga, at Turin; and even this one only finds a market for about ten new films a year, and deals mostly with foreign productions.

#### No Propaganda.

The new National Society is organised by Signor Bisi (a member of Parliament), who says he is determined to create a first-class national industry. The new society is not going to repeat the capital error made by the Russian State cinematograph society, which soon found European markets closed against their films in spite of their exceptional excellence because they were obviously produced as Soviet propaganda. "L'Ente Nazionale" will rather concentrate upon producing fine dramas and really amusing comedies.

In order to make the venture a financial and commercial success it will evidently be necessary to transgress previous government regulations about employing only Italian artists. To begin with, some of the best Italian film stars have been enticed to Germany and elsewhere; they will have to be enticed again by Signor Bisi, and, in the meantime, he declares that he will be only too glad to make use of the services of foreign artists, film managers, and workers with a view of getting into touch with what has been done in other countries for the industry, and of attaining efficiency more rapidly in Italy.

### U.S. PROSPERITY STILL GROWING.

\$273,200,000 LENT ABROAD  
IN A YEAR.

New York, Nov. 29th.

The annual report of the United States Secretary of Commerce shows that at the close of the fiscal year 1927-28 business in nearly all branches was on a level rarely if ever before attained.

Indices of electric power production, of building construction, and of the sales of department stores, chain stores, and mail-order houses all showed increases in the last fiscal year, and most of them were the highest ever recorded.

Prosperity of the United States in terms of cash is illustrated in the section devoted to business and finance. The net outflow of gold amounted to \$29,592,400, but despite this reduction in the gold reserve, the Federal reserve ratio at July 3rd last stood at 65.4 per cent. A new record was established in foreign loans, which during the year amounted at par value to \$273,200,000.

The increased prosperity of the individual is reflected in the diminution of current accounts and in a more than corresponding increase in deposit accounts, which at the end of the fiscal year had risen to \$1,000,000,000.

## TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

### BROADCAST BY G.O.W.

#### ON 300 METRES.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.  
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.  
7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.  
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Dance Programme. (Victor Records).  
8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
8.30 p.m.—  
"Gems from Sunny"  
"Gems from Cocanuta"  
Victor Light Opera Co.  
"Hudson Waves"—Waltz  
"The Swing"—Waltz  
Victoria Orchestra.  
8.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.—Dance Music.  
9.15 p.m.—  
"Suite of Serenades"  
(a) Spanish  
(b) Chinese  
(c) Cuban  
(d) Oriental  
Stadler-Pennsylvania.  
"The Man I Love"  
"Manhattan Serenade"  
Victor Salon Orchestra.  
9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Dance Music.  
10 p.m.—News Bulletin.  
10.05 p.m.—  
"Among My Souvenirs"  
Victor Salon Orchestra.  
"Beautiful Night"—Waltz  
"Spring Song"—Waltz  
International Concert Orch.  
10.15 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
God Save The King.  
Close down.

## SURGEON-LIEUT. SCOTT.

### INQUEST AND FUNERAL AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, December 25th.—The inquest on the body of Surgeon-Lieut. H. J. Scott, which was found by the police on Saturday, after the officer had been missing since December 14th, was resumed yesterday in H.M. Police Court, before the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Martin, sitting as Coroner. After medical evidence had been taken the inquest was adjourned.

Dr. A. D. Wall testified that he examined the body of deceased on Sunday morning. Externally, he said, there were no marks of violence, save a few abrasions about the face and head, which he considered had been made after death, as there was no haemorrhage under the skin as would occur were they made during life. Death was due to drowning without a doubt. The abrasions appeared to be scratches made by the body being dragged on the bottom. The nose was flattened, but the bone was not broken; this would be explained by the body lying face downwards for a long time. There was no indication whatever of foul play.  
After an adjournment the coroner found as follows:—"That Henry Johnson Scott died on December 14th, the cause of death being accidental drowning in the Whangpoo River."

#### The Funeral.

The funeral of Surgeon-Lieutenant Scott took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hungjiao Cemetery, with a large attendance of naval units. The pipe band of the Scots Guards played the coffin to the graveside, where a naval escort fired the three volleys and the bugles sounded the last post. It was a very impressive service, officers representing the British army being present.—N.C. Daily News.

### RIVAL TO SZECHUAN'S OLDEST.

#### KIANGSI MAN OVER THREE CENTURIES OLD!

Some time ago, the North China Daily News published an article with reference to one Mr. Li Ching Yun, a native of Szechuan Province, who was thought to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of human beings.

Now, however, the Chinese press apparently have been searching for someone to beat this record and so they have uncovered one Mr. Pan Kong Fa, of Kiangsi, who claims to be only 330 years of age and who says that he was born during the Ming dynasty.

Mr. Pan is still hale and hearty and he is said to be as strong as a youth and as sprightly as a fairy. Like Rip Van Winkle, he has been living in the mountains where, however, he did not go to sleep. Instead, he made a thorough study of nature and discovered a medicine which he describes as the "Thousand Years' Medicine," which, he says, if taken for a month, will drive away all forms of illness and give one longevity.

## A SECRET SOCIETY OF SHANGHAI.

### POWER OF "BLUE AND RED PARTY" IN FRENCH CONCESSION.

#### IS IT BEHIND THE TRAM STRIKE?

The Shanghai Mainichi publishes a highly interesting account of a certain Chinese secret society known as the Ching Hung Paung or the "Blue and Red Party," which is particularly influential in the French Concession.

In the past, it is said, the Society has rendered no small service to the French Police in maintaining peace and order in the Concession. For instance, at the time of the "May 30th Incident," the general strike, which completely paralysed industry as well as the public utilities services in the International Settlement, this unprecedented strike failed to assume any serious proportion in the French Concession, although the agitators had tried every means to do so. The strike in the French Concession lasted only one day and the unruly trouble-makers were soon driven away by members of the Ching Hung Paung from their domain or more correctly sphere of influence.

The reason why this secret organization is so influential may be attributed to its policy of assassination, which was even enough to terrify the communists, and to its remarkable influence over the French police. Members of this society, therefore, had nothing to fear and consequently they freely indulged in holding people for ransom, assassination, opium smuggling.

#### Helping Chiang Against Reds.

It is said that General Chiang Kai Shek also lost no time in availing himself of the influence of the "Paung" in driving away the communists' influence from Shanghai immediately after his occupation of this area in March last year. Chen Jui and Yang Fu, both connected with the Paung, were later given charge of local military affairs and thus the influence of this secret society rose considerably. Before long General Chiang's influence began gradually to diminish and this reacted on the Paung as well which, owing to its atrocities and arbitrary behaviour, soon became a subject for public criticism.  
A strike of workers of the public utilities services in the French Concession is now on. A certain military leader who is opposed to General Chiang Kai Shek is said to be responsible for the labourers' determined stand. For obvious reasons, says the Mainichi, we shall refrain from publishing the name of this man, who is the wire-puller in the present strike, which is also said to have a close connection with the sensational opium scandal in Chinese police circles.

#### The French Concession Strike.

It appears that originally the strike of public utilities in the French Concession had been aimed to destroy the influence of this notorious Paung, whose root is firmly implanted in the French Concession. The members of the Paung, who knew what was being planned, kept themselves busy and did everything in their power to check the outbreak of the strike, partly for their own welfare and to win the favour of the French police. The workers were threatened with the usual terroristic measures and this kept them quiet at least for some time. They preferred to remain silent for the time being and postpone the launching of a general strike movement until Christmas, when it would prove a more effective weapon for the furtherance of their demands as well as checking the influence of the Paung. In the meantime the sensational opium case was unearthed by the Greater Shanghai Municipality, which resulted in the discovery of the fact that one Wang Ching Yung, the leader of the Paung, was involved in a large opium deal which had been protected by the military authorities. The influence of the Paung then suddenly dropped and people began to look upon it with contempt. Those who are opposed to the present Chiang Kai Shek regime saw a wonderful opportunity to embarrass the Government and lost no time in agitating for a strike and giving full support to the workers in the French Concession.

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## TOWN TOPICS.

Commercializing Sport; Rabies; Another Canton Protest; Something about Movie Pictures; The Pub is Car Nuisance; The Coming Prosperity of Kowloon.

[By R. E. PORTER.]

### More Canton Protests.

Canton, with its numerous Bureaux and Departments, has always something to complain about. It was only recently that an order was issued forbidding Government officials to dress in silk garments. The question as to how much should be spent on marriages and funerals was also discussed. Then the General of a suburban district armed his troops with scissiors so that they could go about bobbing the hair of the local womanfolk. He said that bobbed hair was more hygienic!

We now hear that the Canton Municipal Kuomintang Department is vigorously protesting against the screening of "Ben Hur," the picture which has taken Hong Kong and other cities in many countries by storm. The reason given was that the picture was Christian propaganda, teaching the young generation to believe in superstitions, which simply could not be tolerated in these days of "enlightenment."

While I agree with the Kuomintang Department that there are pictures which should be banned, to my mind "Ben Hur" certainly does not belong to that category. The picture is a fine one and whatever the theme may be, it should be judged on its artistic merit. Only a few years ago, the Chinese took a profound liking to pictures in which the worst type of criminals were featured. These films should have been discouraged, but instead of that we saw the Chinese advocating them.

Films which deal with religion always rouse protests from certain quarters. Although the various Christian missions in China may congratulate themselves upon having made thousands of converts, it must be remembered that China has a population of over 400 millions, and there are more people in China to-day averse to Christian teaching than there were before the Revolution.

### War Pictures.

We all know that film production is a very intricate industry. The producers are often faced with the problem of selecting a subject which will appeal, not to a section, but to the entire world. If a film finds favour in one country and not in another, this may mean serious loss to the producer. His task is at all times a most unenviable one. Although the film industry has reached a very high standard, there is still much room for improvement. The mass production of war films during the last decade is in the opinion of many, undesirable. The hatchet was buried, so why renew feelings of hatred? Nearly all war pictures include incidents not conducive to promoting friendly feeling among citizens in an international community.

About four years ago a war film was shown in Shanghai which was instrumental in breaking up most friendly relations between an Englishman and a German. The war long over, these two gentlemen were the best of friends until they went to see the picture together. Things went smoothly enough until it came to an ugly incident on the screen. The Englishman was so stirred that he unconsciously uttered words not complimentary to the friend beside him. An angry argument ensued, and before long they were battering each other! There is, however, one variety of film which always pleases the public and causes no unfriendly feeling, and that is the comic picture. No healthy-minded man or woman can fail to laugh at a good joke. The world can do with plenty of humour, so why not let us have it?

### The Woes Of Our Canine Friends.

We learned for the first time yesterday that no cases of rabies had been reported in the Colony since December, 1927. This is comforting news, indeed, but in that case one wonders why our authorities are still so unkind to our canine friends. The order is still in force regarding the muzzling of dogs. Draconic measures are being taken to enforce the regulation, several valuable animals having been shot by the police. Surely it is about time that the order was withdrawn, especially in view of the fact that dogs in the Colony have been behaving themselves for a year.

Mr. J. P. Braga, prompted by the S.P.C.A., rendered dog-owners a signal service on Thursday when, in reply to his questions, the Head of the Sanitary Department made the announcement that no rabid dog had been found for a year. It now remains for dog-owners to take the matter up with the authorities concerned.

### Local Football Organisation.

What was once interesting and healthy football competition in the Colony is now becoming a public spectacle with a corollary of advertisements, gate receipts, and financial bickering. Amateur teams which once vied with each other in pleasant week-end games are now being turned into money-making machines.

There is, of course, no gainsaying that a certain amount of organisation is necessary, but why all these elaborate arrangements. Why charge from \$1 to thirty cents? It must be borne in mind that it is no part of the duties of an amateur Association to conduct a business. It is, in fact, a denial of amateurism.

Personally I think we had better drop the whole business of commercializing our amateur sport, and return to the standard of the past. The players do not want to be under any obligation to win a game at all costs just because a thousand spectators have paid \$1 each to watch them play. These things are quite out of keeping with the traditions of Hong Kong sport, their advent is certainly regrettable.

### Kowloon's Changing Fortunes.

Increased activity is being shown by business enterprises in the neighbourhood of the Peninsula Hotel. Shop-fronts in Nathan Road look more attractive, and their proprietors observe longer hours at night, which are signs of coming prosperity. One business-man was very optimistic about the future. He declared that once the big Hotel was full, Kowloon's "Broadway" will be just as busy as Queen's Road. "It will take some time," he added, "but good times are surely coming for business people here."

One establishment there is said to have done business in Xmas cakes to the value of several thousand dollars. In addition to the banking facilities which will shortly be afforded inside the Peninsula Hotel, a walk through the ground floor revealed a reservation by a leading retail-store which is opening a branch there, a drapery and tailoring establishment, and a news-stall already doing business. It was stated that another business enterprise shortly opening there will be a jewellery store.

### Public Car Drivers.

Drivers of public motor-cars have struck a new field offering possibilities for trade with less chance of their erratic movements being observed by the traffic guardians. On the afternoon of Christmas Day no fewer than a dozen vehicles were seen near the Civil Service Cricket Club at the close of the football match, touting for possible customers. Keen competition was going on between them for places; cars manoeuvring in all directions regardless of the safety of those whose custom they sought. A similar scene with a larger number of cars was enacted the following afternoon, and the spot was anything but a safe one for the pedestrian wishing to get on to the high road or board one of the fleet of tram-cars waiting near the Monument for passengers.

With business at a low ebb, owing to the advent of motor-buses and the action of traffic officers in the interests of safety in clearing loiterers from the busy thoroughfares, the public car-driver is getting desperate. Those who visit the waterfront near the Canton wharf when the night-boat is due will notice that there is a long line of public cars waiting there, but as soon as the boat is in, a number of these cars which hover in the distance make their appearance. To keep on the right side of the law the drivers keep on the move, backwards and forwards.

The increasing number of prosecutions for obstruction (as was evident at Thursday's traffic sessions, when one man was punished for five separate offences of the same kind) will perhaps tend to minimise the evil.

### Get Vaccinated!

There is at least one case of small-pox among British residents, so the idea that the present epidemic will necessarily be confined to the Chinese quarters must be abandoned. Cases show no signs of falling off, and their exact number cannot be determined as the poorer class Chinese do their best to avoid registration. The St. John's Ambulance Brigade are doing good work vaccinating, but they can only touch a very small minority. Europeans would be very well advised to take this precaution. This applies particularly to people in Kowloon. The children's playground, if one can call the arid patch off Chaiwan Road by such a name, is the most common place in the Colony, and Kowloon is where the epidemic is at its worst. Medical men have no doubt that re-vaccination is necessary at this time.

## ROUND THE COURTS.

### ASSAULT IN SALISBURY ROAD.

IN THE KOWLOON COURT.

Four boarding-house runners were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Court yesterday morning with assaulting a street coolie in Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry on Thursday. According to the story told in Court the motive of the attack was jealousy. It appears that two of his assailants held him while the others attempted to beat him. He had received a nasty gash on one cheek when a Chinese constable arrived and stopped the fray.

A fine of \$5 or seven days' jail was imposed on the first defendant, who, in addition, was ordered to pay \$5 as compensation to the complainant.

The other three were also fined \$5 or seven days, and all four defendants bound over in a personal bond in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

### AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

### THE TROOPSHIP ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

Private James Boyle, of the K.O.S.B., who is on remand on a charge of attempted murder while on the troopship Somersetshire, was again remanded for one week as the police have no further information with regard to the condition of Sergt. Keir, the wounded man.

### THE RIGHT MAN?

In consequence of a report from Haiphong to the effect that a Chinese shop-keeper had disappeared with \$80,000 alleged to have been stolen from the firm, a man who arrived here on Thursday morning in a French coastal boat was arrested. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with having 1,993 French piastres, in his possession, believed to have been stolen from the Wing Hing Mow firm, of Rue Chenois, Haiphong, on December 22nd.

The accused, who stated that he was employed by another firm, had been allowed to send a telegram to Haiphong for purposes of identification, and was in consequence remanded until Monday.

### FORGED BANKNOTES CASE.

Kam Singh, the Indian who is charged with unlawful possession of 89 forged \$10 Hong Kong notes and two rounds of ammunition, was brought again before Major C. Willson and again remanded for one week.

Inspector Lane, prosecuting, asked for the remand, and stated that he had received instructions from Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., to have the case committed for trial.

### "A PUBLIC DANGER."

Wong Kai Wing, the 16-year-old school boy, who was the hero of a recent escapade which ended in a motor-crash and his appearance before the Magistrate for negligent driving, and driving without a licence, was again before Major C. Willson this morning to answer further summonses in connection with another similar exploit.

It appears that he borrowed a public car and drove it to Rousale Bay where he was observed by a traffic officer, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road.

The Magistrate pointed out that it was only the previous day that defendant appeared before him for committing similar offences.

Addressing defendant, Major Willson said: "You seem to be becoming a public danger. You are fined \$50 for negligent driving, a \$10 for driving without a licence."

### HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending December 22nd states:

#### Plague.

Tamatar: 2 cases.  
Baghdad: 1 case, 1 death.  
Cholera.

#### Pondicherry.

3 deaths.  
Bangkok: 8 cases, 3 deaths.  
Canton: 2 cases, 1 death.

#### Small-pox.

Batavia: 5 cases, 3 deaths.  
Pondicherry: 2 deaths.  
Samarinda: 8 cases, 2 deaths.  
Ponm Penh: 13 cases, 8 deaths.  
Shanghai: 14 deaths.

#### Canton.

7 cases.  
Macao: 1 death.  
Baghdad: 5 cases, 10 deaths.

## YAU MATI GOVT. SCHOOL.

### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK.

The annual prize giving of the Yaumati Government School was held yesterday morning. The headmaster's report dealt very fully with all aspects of the school life, and said that the general standard of attendance discipline and conduct was good, although the results in some classes had not been as good as they might have been the latest matriculation results were very good and showed the value of the scholarships presented by Mr. Wu Hay Tong and the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie.

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed the prizes and was presented with a bouquet of flowers and given three hearty cheers by the students. Among those present was Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools.

### THE REPORT.

The headmaster, Mr. C. Mycock, read his report as follows:—

The school was open 378 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 272; the average daily attendance 253.8. The average daily attendance last year was 246.6, an increase of 7.2.

The attendance last year was excellent—97.8 per cent. This improvement over last year is due to the general immunity from small-pox, the only serious epidemic prevalent during the year.

#### The Staff.

The staff at the end of this year consists of the Headmaster, two European Mistresses, seven Anglo-Chinese Masters and three Vernacular Masters. Mr. Brawn went on leave on March 31st, his place as Headmaster being filled by Mr. Mycock transferred from Ellis Kadoorie School.

Mr. Chan Kam Tai was appointed on September 10th to replace Mr. Tam Cheuk Kai, who died on September 25th after a long and severe illness.

Mrs. Jeffreys was seconded to the school for duty for a few days in November while Mrs. Murphy was in Hospital.

#### Fees, Building, etc.

The fees were increased from January 1st to \$5 per month, and made payable for every month in the year.

In February two new Beaver black boards were received. The P.W.D. made sundry repairs in May. Following the report of the Medical Officer of Schools alterations were made to the lavatories. The roof was slightly raised and apertures for light and air enlarged. The present system was condemned and an early substitution of the flush system was strongly recommended.

Some of the furniture is rather dilapidated and will be replaced next year.

Discipline generally is very well maintained. The general standard of conduct has been high.

The work of the school has been strictly confined to the syllabus with the exception of hygiene which was reintroduced in 1928.

#### Health Of The School.

In March and October the Medical Officer of Schools examined 105 entrants. 89 boys had 145 defects, mostly of a minor nature. 17 boys were unfit for drill or strenuous games. 21 have been supplied with Government spectacles. The 59 others required treatment and the guardians concerned were informed by letter and held responsible that such treatment was given. Three boys have had operations.

Of 20 boys re-examined in 1928, two boys were worse than in 1927, nine showed improvement and nine no change.

#### During the year two boys died.

An eye test was held in Class 5 in October. St. John Ambulance Brigade kindly re-vaccinated three members of the staff and 176 boys on December 4th. Every boy in the school has now been vaccinated at least three times.

Dr. Li Ying Yau has again most kindly given his services for the attention of all minor ailments. The staff has had a very unlucky year. Mr. Ho Yau Tak, Mrs. Murphy and the late Mr. Tam Cheuk Kai have all been absent from duty for long periods through illness.

#### Examination Results.

243 boys took the annual examination this month. In English subjects 202 or 31 per cent passed; in Chinese, 233 or 95 per cent. The half yearly examination revealed a weakness in the upper classes in arithmetic, which now shows some improvement. Geography in class 4 was a disappointment. Colloquial throughout the school is only fair.

The other subjects are fairly satisfactory. Taking into consideration the many difficulties of the past year, the results are satisfactory.

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### Scholarships.

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The latest matriculation results show how these scholarships are appreciated. Three scholars of 1928 now at Queen's College matriculated. Each had a distinction and two gained honours. Another old boy has this year passed his final B.A. at the Hong Kong University.

### Sports And Entertainments.

Swimming was indulged in at Lai Chi Kok, and on launch picnics during the summer months.

The inter-class volley ball shield was won by Class 4a. Class 4b won the football shield.

Competition was very keen and the sportsmanship displayed was very satisfactory. The twelfth annual sports held at King's Park this month were very well-organised and successful. The jumps were particularly creditable.

Mr. Sung On Wing ably assisted by the Head Prefect, Ip Shen Ming, has proved an efficient sports master.

Following the medical reports I considered drill unwise. Each class has appointed its own captain and vice-captain. They select teams from their own class, and are allowed the use of the ground at King's Park at stated times. All the boys of every class are thus able to use the ground.

There is a general keenness and unwillingness to be absent, and no apparent loss of work is noticeable.

At week-end matches are played with local sides with varying results.

In the team races at the local sports successes have been fewer than usual.

Mr. Hui King Lim and the Prefects have again looked after the library. The supply of periodicals has been maintained, and it is extensively used. Its development is slow as it is entirely self-supporting.

The forest film "Chang" was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school in September.

Every boy of 13 or under attended the Grand Tattoo in charge of a master, in October.

### Thanks To Mrs. de Martin.

In conclusion, I desire to thank Mrs. de Martin for her kindness in again honouring us by her presence, and to express regret that duty has caused Mr. de Martin to break his record of attendances after the interest he has shown in Y.M.T. for so many years.

My first report for this school would be incomplete without some reference to the loyalty and willing co-operation of the staff. It has been a difficult year, and the results, disappointing as, in some classes, they are, without that co-operation would not have been so good. I sincerely thank them for the assistance they have given me this year.



## SUPER-ENLIGHTENED CANTON.

"BEN HUR" SUPERSTITIOUS PROPAGANDA!

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS KUOMINTANG ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Dec. 28th.

In compliance with the order of the Canton Municipal Kuomintang the Bureau of Education has today told the proprietor of the Pearl Theatre on the Bund to cut out the "objectionable and superstitious" parts of the Paramount picture "Ben Hur." The order then goes on to describe what parts of the film are objectionable and must be cut. The following scenes are proscribed: The birth of Jesus Christ and the descending of the star; the resurrection of the dead child and the curing of the lepers by Christ; the total darkness of the firmament; the earthquake and other phenomena during the crucifixion of Christ.

The Bureau of Education states:—These things are not only absurd and fictitious but also tend to beguile people to believe in superstition. Moving pictures such as "Ben Hur" have a powerful effect on social education. They tend to undermine social progress and promote superstition. The whole picture is nothing but Christian propaganda, absurd in the extreme. Such was the substance of the arguments of the Municipal Kuomintang and the Bureau of Education for the elimination of what they termed "the objectionable and highly superstitious" parts of "Ben Hur."

## NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS BY ORDER.

Canton is making big preparations for the celebration of the approaching New Year. The Government has declared January 1st, 2nd and 3rd holidays for all schools and Government organs. This celebration will differ from any of the previous ones, for the Nationalist Revolution is at last completed and China is again a united country. The Canton officials are to celebrate the New Year for three days. Parades, music, exhibitions and a hundred and one things Chinese are being planned by the Preparatory Committee under the direction of the Provincial Kuomintang. Pailaus are being erected on the principal thoroughfares of the city and every conspicuous wall is being posted with slogans and pictures.

But all the merchants without exception will adhere to the old calendar. For them the New Year does not come until a month or so later. Hence they will not rejoice and feast with the Government next Tuesday. And as far as our correspondent has been able to learn, the Government will not compel the merchants to celebrate the New Year with them.

## THE LATE MR. J. A. GORDON LEASK.

FORMER HONG KONG SOLICITOR.

POPULAR-MEMBER OF EASMA CLUB.

The sad news reached the Colony yesterday of the death of Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, formerly a solicitor in Hong Kong.

Mr. Leask was with the firm of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co., and was a very active member of the Easma Club. An exceptionally cheery and good-natured man, Mr. Leask was much liked by his colleagues and friends.

He left here for Sandakan, British North Borneo, in the early part of this year to take charge of the office there of Mr. A. E. Hall. He was in quite good health when last heard of, and the sad news of his death on Christmas Eve came as a shock in Hong Kong.

Mr. Leask, it will be remembered, put up a very able defence for Col. James Christie, who was accused on evidence supplied by Mr. Leslie E. Haynes of alleged deals in illicit drugs. Mr. Leask's cross-examination of the chief witness for the prosecution soon showed that he was not a man upon whose word very much reliance could be placed.

## ALLEGED ANKING PIRATE.

THE MAN WHO WAS SEASICK?

ON TRIAL AT SUPREME COURT.

The trial of a Chinese alleged to have participated in the piracy of the s.s. Anking on September 30th, this year, was commenced yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and a jury.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted, and the case for the defence was conducted by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall.

The prisoner, Yuen Ping Kwan, was charged with piracy with violence, or alternatively, piracy without violence.

Outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Fitzroy first touched upon the question of the Admiralty's jurisdiction pointing out that such jurisdiction extended throughout the high seas.

Counsel then went on to describe how the Anking left Singapore on September 23rd with 1,400 Asiatic passengers. She was bound for China coast, ports and was not coming to Hong Kong. Everything went well, until the evening of the 30th, when a party of armed men rushed the ship, seized her and took over control.

Three Killed And One Wounded.

Mr. Fitzroy then related how Capt. Plunkett-Cole was wounded on the bridge, and Mr. D. C. Jones (Chief Officer), Mr. H. Thompson (Chief Engineer) and a Chinese quarter-master were murdered by the pirates.

Hiding In A Hatch.

Prisoner, Counsel said, was arrested on October 5th by Sgt. W. E. Goldsmith. The latter was on patrol duty on a launch near Kowloon Bay when a junk was seen coming through Lyseum Pass.

Sergeant Goldsmith boarded the junk and found the prisoner hidden in a small hatch. On him was discovered a quantity of jewellery and banknotes of various denominations.

He was questioned as to where he had obtained the articles and money and on his giving an unsatisfactory answer, he was arrested.

An identification parade was held, and the prisoner had been identified by the assistant comrade, the wireless operator and two saloon boys of the ship as being one of the pirates who had attacked the ship.

It would appear that the prisoner was assigned to guard the lower deck and there he became sea-sick. The assistant comrade was made to attend to him. The wireless operator would also say that he was hit by the prisoner when he failed to give a satisfactory answer to a question.

EVIDENCE CALLED.

Mr. Alexander Walker Norrie, acting second engineer of the s.s. Anking, said that he came on deck from the engine room at 8.40 p.m. on the evening of the attack. On the saloon deck he met the Chief Engineer and the third officer was also present. After they had been talking for a few minutes, they heard a commotion and almost at the same time, six or seven armed men rushed up the stairs. Revolvers were pointed at witness and the two officers who were with him.

Witness was forced against the railing of the ship, and there held at bay by a man with revolver in hand. He saw the Chief Engineer struggling with some of the men.

In the struggle, a shot was fired, and witness saw the Chief Engineer drop. Witness was then taken down to the shelter deck where he was held for a time. From there witness was taken to the saloon where he was for a short time kept in the engineers' latrine.

After a short imprisonment witness was again taken to the saloon where he found the captain, third and fourth engineers. The captain had been wounded in both legs, and there were blood stains on his trousers.

Shortly afterwards, witness was ordered off, under guard, to put out the navigation lights and the lights in the captain's cabin. After this had been done, witness was taken down to the engine room to put out the lights there. He saw four or five pirates in the engine room, armed with choppers, knives, revolvers and one of them had a ship's rifle in his hand.

Cabin Ransacked.

Witness was kept in the engine room until ten minutes past midnight. Throughout the next day, witness was made to keep watch at intervals. On September 30th, he discovered that his cabin had been ransacked. A gold watch, a gold ring, gold cuff links and studs, a raincoat, several under garments and money to the total of \$110 were missing.

Witness throughout the piracy saw about fifteen to twenty armed men, could not say that he had seen the prisoner before. He did not identify him at the parade.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, witness said that with the exception of the money, he could identify the property stolen from him. There were three war medals which bore his name.

(Continued on next column.)

## PEDDER STREET BEACON.

REGULATIONS NOT INFLEXIBLE.

MR. M. K. LO DEFENDS HIS BROTHER.

"I thought the police had more serious duties to perform than to drag a man here and waste the time of the Court for hours. The public expect service from the police rather than to be prosecuted for petty offences. As a motorist I protest."

These words were used by Mr. M. K. Lo at the conclusion of the hearing of a summons in which he defended his brother, Mr. Horace Lo, also a well-known local solicitor, for an alleged traffic offence in the vicinity of the beacon in Pedder Street. The case was heard by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

An Indian constable stated in evidence that at 11.30 a.m. on December 1st motor-car No. 2138, which was travelling from the west along Des Voeux Road, turned into Pedder Street (the upper part near the Hong Kong Hotel) on the right hand side of the traffic beacon instead of going round it. The driver of the car stopped when he was ordered to do so and produced his licence.

Mr. Horace Lo gave evidence from the witness box. He said that he had been driving a motor-car for five years. During the two years he spent in Europe he had motored practically every day through London traffic. Prior to that he had driven a motor-cycle for ten years. With this experience he considered himself to be an expert driver.

After stating what the traffic requirements were in London, witness said that he gathered from the excited behaviour of the Indian constable that he was required to turn round the beacon. The only traffic at the time, witness said, was coming from the opposite direction. It consisted of a hand truck proceeding in front of a westerly bound tram-car approaching the halt.

Under the circumstances witness thought that it would be particularly desirable to turn round on the right of the beacon, as otherwise he would be confronted with a difficult position. That was the only course open to him consistent with safety, and he was not aware of any regulation compelling him to go round the beacon.

In answer to questions by Sub-Inspector Nicol put through his Worship, witness said he was driving an Austin Seven. The hand truck was about twenty feet away. Witness was not sure whether the truck was loaded.

Defending solicitor drew attention to the wording of Section 51 under which the charge was framed. It read "A driver of a motor vehicle shall on approaching any curve, cross road or fork or on rounding any corner or bend reduce speed so far as may be advisable and sound his horn. He shall keep as far as possible to the left side of the road."

Mr. M. K. Lo argued that on the wording of the section and also according to the authorities the rule of the road should not be regarded as an inflexible one when danger was present. He submitted that the junction of Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street was a cross road and not a bend. It would be fatal in rounding a bend to keep other than on the left, but it did not apply to a cross road.

Mr. Lo further agreed that it was no use having a beacon without any regulations governing the approach, which tended to increase rather than avoid accidents. He added that there was not a word in the regulations about having to go round a beacon, or whether one was expected to salute it or take one's hat off to it!

His Worship agreed with Mr. Lo's interpretation of the section upon which the summons was based and dismissed the case.

Mr. Bird, third engineer, in his evidence also touched upon the capture of the ship. He was called to the bridge where he found that all the signalling lights had been disconnected. He was then taken back to the saloon, made to sit on a chair, and sitting face to face with him was a pirate. The latter was armed and told witness that if their control of the ship was challenged, he would at once be shot. The vessel was then passing in an area patrolled by police launches. Witness lost \$10, one gold wrist watch and cuff links, some clothing and a soft hat.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, witness said that he had not seen the stolen property since. He was at the identification parade and although he failed to identify the prisoner, he had remarked to the police that the man's face seemed familiar.

Evidence was also taken from the comrade and the doctor of the ship. The assistant comrade said that he saw the prisoner lying on a settee, sea-sick. Prisoner was speaking the Fumi dialect.

The case was then adjourned until this morning, after Mr. Alabaster had said that he would not be calling any evidence.

## THEFTS FROM A KNITTING FACTORY.

THREE EMPLOYEES CHARGED.

Three Chinese employees of a Knitting Factory at No. 1, Pitt Street, Yaumatei were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stealing a quantity of woollen goods from the factory.

Mr. T. G. Bennett prosecuted on behalf of the police and Messrs. O. S. Russ, Lee, D'Almada, jr., and P. D'Almada, jr., appeared on behalf of the first, second and third defendants respectively.

Outlining the case, Mr. Bennett said that Mr. Wong Siu Hing, the Manager of the Knitting Factory, had received information that goods made in his factory were being stolen by certain employees. He informed the Police who detailed detectives to make inquiries, and to watch the employees.

The first defendant, Lam Kee Chie, is the assistant manager of the factory. The second defendant is a foreman in the engineering department while the third defendant is a tally clerk.

On December 18th at noon, a Chinese detective was watching the employees file out of the factory and the last three were the three defendants. The third defendant was carrying a parcel. The men were stopped and on examining the contents of the parcel, three pairs of woollen stockings were found.

The third defendant also wore a woollen pull over. They were taken back to the factory where they were brought before the Manager. Later they were taken to the Police Station and after making their statements, each of the defendants was taken to his home.

The first defendant took the detectives to No. 284 Reclamation Street, 1st floor where he claimed to live. Searching the cubicle, three woollen pull-overs were found. During the search, the first defendant's brother walked in wearing a similar woollen pullover to the ones found in the cubicle. The brother said that it was given to him by the defendant.

The third defendant who was arrested with the three pairs of stockings, said that the first defendant gave them to him to carry.

The second defendant, Lai Him took the Police to No. 7 Saigon Street, 1st floor front cubicle. The inmates denied that the defendant lived in that cubicle, but said it was rented by his sister. The cubicle was searched and a box containing 23 pairs of woollen stockings and three woollen pullovers were found.

The third defendant was also discovered to have given a woollen vest coat to a singing girl.

The girl stated that the third defendant had given it to her as a present.

Evidence was then taken from the Chinese detective who arrested the defendants on leaving the factory, and of finding the goods as described.

The case was adjourned.

## "AUTREFOIS ACQUIT." MAN ACCUSED OF PIRATING A FISHING JUNK.

CASE HELD OVER.

When a Chinese named Ho, Fu was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, yesterday at the Supreme Court on a charge of having taken part in the piracy of a fishing junk, his Counsel, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., entered a plea of *autrefois acquit*.

Mr. Alabaster said that the accused had been tried for the same crime in Canton. He was discharged and therefore he could not be tried again for the same offence.

Counsel admitted that he would have to produce the records from the Chinese Court, but said that the solicitor instructing him had already written to the District Magistrate at Shekai. They had received a reply referring them to a higher authority in Hong Kong. Counsel then submitted that the case should be put over until the next Sessions.

His Lordship adjourned the case until the next Sessions.

## JURYMEN EXEMPTED. INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND ENGLISH.

Two jurymen who were among those called to serve yesterday at the Supreme Court were exempted from service by the Chief Justice Sir Henry Gollan.

Mr. Im Pak Hai was excused on the ground that he understood very little English. He was taking the oath when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, defending counsel in the Anking piracy case, said that it appeared that Mr. Im had some difficulty in reading the oath.

His Lordship asked Mr. Im if he understood English, and when the latter replied that he understood very little, his Lordship said that the case was a very serious one and that it would be better to exempt Mr. Im from service.

Mr. Im, it will be remembered, was last week fined \$50 by his Lordship for failing to answer to the summons for jury service. He appeared in Court in the afternoon (Continued at foot of next column.)

## SLANDERS ON PORTUGUESE.

PROTEST MEETINGS IN HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI.

On November 24th the *China Weekly Review* published a long article by "J.A.J." on the "Macao Question," which was transcribed by a Canton paper printed in English. The article being full of inaccuracies, has united the Portuguese communities of Canton, Hong Kong, Macao, Shanghai and Japan in a most vigorous protest.

Some days ago the Portuguese residents of Hong Kong met in the Club Lusitano to discuss steps to be taken in protest against the article in question. A number of leading residents spoke, expressing emphatically the indignation which had been aroused in the Portuguese community by the attack made in the *China Weekly Review*. It was eventually decided to send a letter to the Macao Government, affirming the unshaken loyalty of the community, and protesting against the unwarranted and unfounded statements published in the paper above-mentioned.

We learn from the *North China Daily News* that similar steps have been taken in the northern port. A mass meeting of the Portuguese community was held at the Club Lusitano, over 300 persons, including some ladies, being present.

Mr. J. F. Pereira, the oldest Portuguese resident in Shanghai, presided, and was supported by two secretaries, Messrs. E. A. Garcia and M. F. R. Leiao. A telegram from Macao was read, informing the Portuguese community of Shanghai of the action taken at Macao, and on the subject being put to the meeting for discussion, Mr. F. A. Leiao made a patriotic speech, which was followed by others by Messrs. J. M. Tavares, C. J. Machado and V. Nunes. All the speeches were received with applause. Mr. J. M. Tavares seconded by Mr. C. J. Machado proposed a motion, which was unanimously carried, to the effect that the local Portuguese community indignantly protests against the article published by the *China Weekly Review*, that it reaffirms its loyalty to Portugal, and that without exception its members will always defend Macao, even with their lives, if necessary.

The meeting, which lasted one hour was very enthusiastic throughout.

## NEW POLICE BOAT LAUNCHED. MOONLIGHT CEREMONY.

The new No. 3 Police Launch, built by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Company, at their shipyards at To Ks. Wan, was launched last night at 9.30 p.m. in the presence of the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) and Mrs. Wolfe; Mr. T. W. H. Hoegood, Deputy Harbour Master, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bailey.

Although the vessel was not accorded the usual christening ceremonies of the breaking of a champagne bottle, the launching was carried out under the most romantic conditions. The full moon gave excellent light to the shipyard, and cast a beautiful beam on the rippling water. The hull of the vessel was painted blue, with a green water line, and a red leaded bottom, a combination which showed up extremely well against the electric lights around the ship, and the search-light which played on the vessel from one of the recently launched Chinese river gunboats.

At the given time the vessel glided gracefully towards the water, followed by the beam of the search-light, which showed how well the vessel took the water without any indication of a roll.

Those present were extremely pleased with the manner which the ship took the water, and expressed their compliments to the builders. The launching ceremonies were concluded with a display of fire crackers.

The Police Launch.

The new No. 3 Police Launch is just slightly—ten feet odd—smaller than the No. 4 Police Launch, and is built on the exact lines of the latter vessel, which was also built by Messrs. Bailey & Company.

It is understood, however, that the speed of the new vessel will not be as high as the former. It is hoped to carry out the trials in a few weeks time, when the vessel will be entirely fitted out and handed over to the Police authorities.

Among those present were the Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. T. W. H. Hoegood, Deputy Harbour Master, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bailey, Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., Mr. Robert Hall, and Mr. P. J. Taylor, of the Government Marine Surveyors Department. Mr. Y. K. Woo, of the Canton Naval Headquarters, Mr. C. F. Mendham, Assistant Managing Director of Messrs. Bailey and Company, Mr. D. A. Goodwin, Mr. G. B. Wittchell, Mr. E. Fraser, Mr. J. Jack, and Mr. A. A. Dand.

to make his apology and said that he was sick. His Lordship then reduced the fine to one of \$10.

Another jurymen, Mr. H. K. Rutler, was also excused from service when he informed the Court that he was leaving the Colony shortly.

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Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1928. [7137]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tai, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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## THE SINO-BRITISH TREATY.

SLOWLY but surely the Chinese are securing that which was denied them at the Peace Conference at Versailles. Promises were made by the Powers at that conference, but China's claims were rejected, and so it came about that when the Peace Treaty was signed the Chinese delegates refrained from taking part in the proceedings. "We trusted Mr. WILSON entirely too much," they declared, though in fairness to the late President it must be admitted that he took his seat at the conference-table with his own hands tied, although he did not know it. Three years later came the Washington Conference, when some of China's grievances were redressed, and definite pledges given by the participating Powers that others would be dealt with as and when opportunity offered. It is unnecessary here to relate even briefly the unhappy events which have disturbed China since 1922, but at last it appears that a substantial degree of stability has been established politically. Now comes the task of building up financial and economic stability, at the same time consolidating the power and prestige of the Chinese Government at home and abroad.

## INTIMATIONS.

"Wine gives the lover vigour,  
Makes glow the cheeks of beauty,  
Makes poets write,  
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And friendship do its duty.  
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The signing of the Sino-British Treaty at Nanking marks an important step forward in China's new relations with the Powers. Recognition of the Nanking Government by Great Britain, and the signing of a treaty which has as its object the strengthening of good relations between the countries and the extension of their trade and commerce, is the logical sequel to the policy which has been pursued by Great Britain since the Washington Conference six years ago. The tariff autonomy of China is admitted, "most favoured nation" treatment is mutually granted, and the Nanking Government undertakes "as soon as possible" effectively to abolish all *likin*, native Customs dues, and all other taxes levied on imported goods, with the exception of Customs duty imposed in accordance with the tariff. The Chinese Government further undertakes that the Customs duties shall be applied uniformly on all the land and sea frontiers.

For very many years protests have been made against *likin*, and the abolition of this pernicious system will be a boon to the Chinese themselves no less than to foreigners engaged in commerce. The system involves delay in handling as well as wasteful expense, but has been so long in existence that it has come to be regarded as a permanent iniquity, impossible to remove. On the success of the Nanking Government in dealing with this problem its real authority in the country may be accurately and speedily judged. At present, goods in transit through China are held up by extortionate and unauthorised tax-collectors in the same way as a consignment of goods carried across Europe would have to pay duty at every international frontier.

With the abolition of *likin*, goods will pass through China as freely as they can be carried between any State in the Union from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. This artificial restraint upon China's internal trade passing over her roads, railways, and rivers can be removed only if the Nanking Government has the power, as well as the will, to enforce observance of its pledge to the Treaty Powers. "Everything is possible in China with a mixture of pressure and persuasion," wrote ARCHIBALD LITTLE, but the days of the "gunboat policy" have gone. Great Britain has recognised the change that has come about in China, and the dignified manner in which Sir Miles LAMPSON has successfully carried out the difficult task entrusted to him is itself testimony to the friendly attitude of the British Government towards the Nationalists at Nanking. Doubts are frequently expressed as to whether the present political situation in China may be regarded as likely to last. References are made to the possibility of some Chinese Napoleon making use of the Republic as a stepping-stone to Imperial power. Attention is called to the "impossibility" of different racial elements working amicably together for national ends. It is very unwise to prophesy about China, but it should be remembered that much the same forecasts were made regarding Russia after the revolution, and Germany. It will not last," said the prophets, and some are bold enough to continue saying so, but without any apparent reason than that the wish is father to the thought.

Great Britain has enough faith in the Nationalist Government to sign a treaty admitting a claim which has been long denied. In due course she will follow the example of other nations and relinquish other rights and privileges now enjoyed in China. When this will take place depends upon the good faith of the Nationalist Government and its ability to carry out its pledges. The Republic urgently needs constructive ability to make good the damage done by the disruptive and destructive activities of the past fifteen years. China has men capable of doing this great work, but it will be a long as well as a difficult task, and during its achievement China will need friendly sympathy and encouragement. There will be disappointments and setbacks, but we can only hope that Britain's recognition of the Nanking Government will encourage those in charge of China's affairs to go steadily forward with their tremendous undertaking. As the Empress Dowager wrote when she used the "vermillion pencil" for the last time, we wait "to see the consummation of wise government."

The total output of the The Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 15th, amounted to 100,463 tons, and the sales during the period to 75,238 tons.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that he has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that owing to the King's illness the Prime Minister is at present unable to make the customary submissions to His Majesty for the New Year Honours List, which will in consequence be postponed.

Police reports yesterday included the complaint of a Chinese residing at No. 104, Reclamation Street, 2nd floor, who said that a sum of \$173 in Hong Kong bank-notes, one metal watch and some clothing of a total value of \$188.50 was stolen by a man named Lin Yun Sang alias Ko Wai who lived with the complainant about two months ago, and has absconded since the report was made.

A European has been admitted to the Isolation Hospital for Small Pox at West Point. The unfortunate victim of the epidemic is Mr. A. E. Brown, of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Company, who only recently arrived from Home. Mr. Brown was the yard foreman, and was taken ill a few days ago, and is now in a critical condition. All the men under Mr. Brown, and incidentally the whole shipyard, have been inoculated as a preventive measure against the disease.

Another sitting took place at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of the case, in which eleven Chinese including two women are held on charges in connection with forged bank notes. Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, gave evidence as to the nature of certain seizures in the Bank of China notes, copper plates, printing and photographic materials, chemicals for etching plates, and notes resembling the old 500 issue of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

On Thursday 31 more cases of small-pox were reported, 24 from Kowloon and 9 from Victoria. There was one British case and the rest were Chinese. Other cases of notifiable disease were one of diphtheria and one of enteric.

"The Divine Woman," starring Greta Garbo and Lars Hanson is being shown for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre. Other pictures also having their final screenings to-day are, "Seventh Heaven" at the World, and "Paris At Midnight" at the Star.

The Patronal Festival of St. John's Cathedral is being held to-morrow, when the services will include a Choral Eucharist celebration at 8 a.m. The Rev. H. V. Koop will preach at the 11 a.m. service and the Dean at Evening service. Watch Night service will be held on New Year's Eve starting at 11.30 p.m.

The continuous cinema performance at the Star Theatre will be discontinued as from to-day. Commencing to-morrow, two performances a day will be given at 3.15 and 8.30 with a new orchestra in attendance at each show. Complete changes of programmes will take place on alternate days at the World and Star Theatres.

A man who had just come out of Walton Prison, Liverpool, was sent back for one month for throwing two packets of cigarettes and a quarter of an ounce of tobacco over the prison wall to his former fellow-prisoners. He said that he was only trying to do kindness to other prisoners.

The Marconiophone Company have just completed an up-to-date receiver for Mount Lavinia Hospital, near Singapore, capable of supplying ten loud-speakers and a number of headphones. Owing to the climatic conditions a special panel is used, mounted on a strong angle-iron frame, which also carries a complete switching and charging system for high and low tension accumulators. Every possible precaution has been taken to render the equipment immune from leakage due to the humid atmosphere, and the whole installation is of British manufacture throughout.

A motor-cycle driven by Mr. Leonel Carvalho collided with a Kowloon motor-bus in Nathan Road yesterday afternoon. The bus, one of the big Leyland Lions, was just coming out from the lane 'Bus Street' next to the Kowloon 'Bus Company's Garage' and in the act of turning into Nathan Road, when the motor-cycle which was coming from the Kowloon direction hit the bus broadside on. The motor-cyclist was carrying a pillion passenger at the time, who sustained injuries to his left knee. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital but returned home after having his injury attended to. The driver escaped with slight abrasions.

The Standing Committee of the Board of Trade, appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, in their report issued last month recommend that foreign-made carpets, carpeting, floor rugs, floor mats, and matting, made wholly or mainly of textile materials, including felt or paper, should bear a label indicating their country of origin. They further recommend that the Order-in-Council should not come into force until three months after the date on which it was issued. These recommendations do not apply to antique goods, mats and matting made wholly or mainly of reed, rush, straw or cork, and goods made of linoleum, cork, rubber, oil-cloth, or skin.

Signor Mussolini has announced to Signor Turati, Secretary of the Fascist Party, his determination not to give away any more signed photographs of himself. The circular issued by Signor Turati to the Federal Secretaries declares that Signor Mussolini has been subjected to "numerous and incessant demands for photographs with a dedication and autograph signature, put forward by bodies or by single individuals, either direct or through the channels of public offices," and therefore the circular orders the Federal secretaries to reject any further requests of this nature. This announcement is not very surprising, since the Duce has been remarkably generous in the distribution of his photographs, which are occasionally to be found in the most unexpected drawing-rooms.

According to an announcement by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the transatlantic telephone service between American and European countries which now include practically all telephones in France, Paris has been linked with the International group since March, but the French service has been restricted to Paris only. The new extension service adds 532,000 telephones of the International system, swelling the total thus connected in America and other foreign countries to 28,750,000. The rates of telephone calls to French cities will be the same as those to Paris, and \$1.25 higher per minute than the basic rate between New York and London. Thus a New York subscriber calling any French telephone will pay \$48.75 for the first three minutes and \$18.25 for each subsequent three minutes.

A Parisian diamond merchant has notified the Port Said police of the theft of \$8,000 worth of diamonds. The merchant declares that during the voyage he entrusted "the diamonds, enclosed in a sealed packet, to the purser of the ship, and got the packet back from the purser just before disembarkation at Port Said. He discovered his loss while passing through the Customs.

Galli Curci's Far Eastern visit is at last materializing. As she has contracted, as prima donna of the New York Metropolitan Opera, to sing in "Lucia," "Rigoletto," "Traviata" and other works, her departure from New York will be after February 2nd. She will go to Manila first, then to Shanghai and probably arrive in Japan when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom. It is expected that she will sing in Hong Kong.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers in America, numbering 25, recently printed an identical leader urging that the Senate should be made to ratify the Kellogg anti-war pact before Christmas. The response to this appeal was instantaneous. The churches, peace societies, citizens' organizations, and others have endorsed the views of the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Other periodicals of various descriptions have also endorsed them.

As a result of the frequent cases of piracy in Chinese waters, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild have made representations to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, pointing out that British masters and officers serving in Chinese waters are exposed to death and bodily risk owing to the absence of that protection to which they are entitled, and submitting a number of suggestions which, they feel, would greatly minimize the risk of further atrocities of the kind. The Foreign Office has replied that "this serious question, together with that of measures to be adopted to meet the danger, is receiving the careful attention of His Majesty's Government."

## Chinese Students Abroad.

To prepare students for official life efficiently, Mr. Ma Chou Chun, Commissioner of Reconstruction at Canton, has submitted a petition to the Branch Political Council proposing that a hundred students be selected and sent to Europe and the United States for the absorption of special knowledge. Mr. Ma suggests that the Government disburse \$360,000 annually in instalments for the support of these students, each of whom would draw \$300 monthly under the plan. Such students are required to return to China forthwith upon the completion of their training abroad for service with the Government. The Canton Gazette says the petition points out that in the work of reconstruction, efficient men are needed to take care of the various branches of each work but at the present time efficient men are conspicuous by their absence except for a limited number whose services are available to the authorities. It is on account of this shortage of specialists that the Department of Reconstruction recently framed regulations for the registration of industrial experts.

## The King's Attention To Work.

Sir William Joynton-Hicks, speaking at the annual dinner of the Hounslow Chamber of Commerce recently, said: "We should not attempt to hide the fact that the position of the King, in my opinion, is one which causes great anxiety to all of those in touch with the Palace, and I need hardly say great anxiety to the people as a whole. One can hardly speak of the King, his wonderful attention to work, his wonderful interest in all that appertains to the welfare of his and our country. It has been my privilege to come into somewhat close contact with His Majesty, and I can very truthfully say that I cannot conceive a better constitutional monarch or one more devoted to carrying out his duty than His Majesty the King. Until a fortnight ago none of us had any idea that his illness would be of a serious character, until the posting of that first alarming bulletin. I have naturally followed very closely the bulletins, but there is still a great hope that his Majesty may recover. The continuance of the pleurisy affection is not good. I am sure that the whole nation joins from one end of the country to the other in saying with all its heart, 'God save the King for the nation to which he is so devoted.' It seems difficult, really on an occasion of this kind to speak on any other subject, but I am sure His Majesty would desire that the life of the nation should go on, and that we should each perform our duty and carry on the work we have before us."

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 7.10 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone over China has strengthened. The depression is central to the east of the Loochoos. Fresh monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local Forecast:—N. winds, fresh.



**THE DISBANDMENT CONFERENCE.****IMPORTANT GATHERING OF LEADERS.****THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, Dec. 28th. Circles in close touch with the political situation do not pretend to expect much as far as disbandment and reorganisation go as a result of the Disbandment Conference. It is generally expected however that the Conference is as important as that held in the Western Hills immediately after the capture of Peking.

Practically the same leaders will be here, and this is the first time they have met since the conference last summer. They will thus have a number of important issues to discuss, some of which are unpleasant, and the outcome is difficult to foretell, but there is a strong feeling that the meeting will be successful.

If the leaders reconcile their differences and work in close harmony, there is nothing to stop the Third National Kuomintang Conference from being held, but if no satisfactory understanding is reached, it is probable that the Kuomintang Congress will again have to be postponed, causing a dangerous situation.

Poi Chung Hsi, Chu Feh Teh and Shang Chen have been asked to attend the Disbandment Conference, while Li Tsung Jen arrived at noon from Hankow.

**CHINA'S NEW CUSTOMS-TARIFF.**

The Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce informs us that a cable was received this morning from the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce, stating that the new Nationalist Customs Tariff for China will come into effect on February 1st, 1929.

**TARIFFS IN FENGTIEN.****(Wah Tsai Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28th. Dr. C. T. Wang told an interviewer to-day that up to the present twelve nations in all had concluded new treaties with the Nationalist Government recognising China's customs autonomy in principle. Japan had still not expressed a definite attitude towards the tariff problem.

The Nationalist Government, he added, intended to disregard her and enforce the new tariff schedule universally. However, it was feared that the Fengtien authorities would not take similar steps to enforce the new schedule at Antung, Dairen and Newchwang, and therefore the Nationalist Government had decided to notify General Chang Hsueh Liang to do so.

**BRANCH POLITICAL COUNCILS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, Dec. 28th. The Central Executive Committee yesterday decided that the question of the abolition of the Branch Political Councils should be postponed to March 15th.

**DISTRUST OF JAPAN.****(Wah Tsai Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28th. According to a previous report the informal negotiations between Mr. Yada and Mr. Chow Lung Kwang at Shanghai had reached a hopeful stage. Any such hopes have been dashed owing to the fact that the Nationalist Government regards Japan's gesture as "entirely insincere," and has instructed Mr. Chow Lung Kwang to return to Nanking, ignoring everything suggested by Mr. Yada.

**POLICY UNCHANGED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

TOKYO, Dec. 28th. Although the gist of this morning's talk between Baron Tanaka and Mr. Tokonami is not revealed, it is learned that leading officials in the Foreign Office held a conference subsequently to consider points raised therein.

It is understood that it was decided that the policy to China should remain unchanged.

**MINISTERS' TRAIN DELAYED.****ENGINE CONFISCATED BY OFFICER.****NANKING'S ANGER.****(Wah Tsai Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28th. The Nanking Military Headquarters has received information that the express train, on which several foreign ministers were journeying northward to Peking, was delayed at Chengchow, Honan, for eight or nine hours owing to the fact that its locomotive was commandeered by a local military officer.

On hearing of this incident the Nanking military authorities immediately instructed the authorities at Chengchow to take effective steps to deal with the military officer who is responsible for this unlawful action.

**PUBLIC SCANDAL LET LOOSE.****CONSEQUENCES NOT FORESEEN.****ACTION AGAINST KLOTZ WITHDRAWN.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PARIS, Dec. 28th. The company from which M. Klotz purchased the motor-car for which he tendered two dishonoured cheques as payment has notified the magistrates that they are withdrawing their action.

The company states that they could not foresee that their action would let loose a public scandal, injuring a man who was one of France's plenipotentiaries in the hour of peace.

**LIQUOR SMUGGLING FROM CANADA.****CONFERENCE WITH U.S.A.****TREATY REVISION.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28th. Commenting on the Ottawa announcement that Canadian and United States Government representatives will meet there in July 1929 to discuss steps to control smuggling into the United States, Treasury officials say that the revision of the liquor treaty with Canada will be the principal subject of discussion. They hope to incorporate in the existing treaty terms similar to those in the treaty with Cuba, which prohibits the clearance of ships carrying liquor to American ports.

Officials say that Canadian statistics show that 24,000,000 worth of liquor was shipped from Canada to United States ports last year.

**LONDON CREDIT FOR WARSAW.****ADVANCES TO FARMERS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

WARSAW, Dec. 28th. The Bank of Commerce has secured in London a credit of £2,000,000 sterling for the purpose of making advances to the farmers on the security of their grain.

**UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.****CHRISTMAS DECREASE.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 27th. The Ministry of Labour announces that on December 17th the total number of unemployed was 1,271,100.

This was 49,812 less than the week before, but 171,048 more than a year ago.

A decrease in unemployment is generally expected about Christmas-time.

**THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 27th. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been ill with internal inflammation, and was unable to fulfil his Christmas engagements, has made good progress towards recovery.

Bulletins will now be discontinued.

**RECORD DEAL IN REAL ESTATE.****JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S PURCHASE.****TWENTY MILLION POUNDS.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28th. It is understood that John D. Rockefeller, Junior, has acquired three whole blocks between Forty-Eighth and Fifty-First Streets. This is believed to be a record deal in real estate, involving over £20,000,000.

The property was valued at £15,000 sterling in 1910, and includes the site for the new Metropolitan Opera House.

**MURDER OF MISS THOMPSON.****THREE SENTENCED TO DEATH.****POLICE COMPLIMENTED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28th. The Provisional Court to-day sentenced to death three Chinese charged with the murder of Miss Thompson and the attempted murder of Mr. Dudley Law in Shanghai on October 3rd.

The foreign consular deputy sitting with the Chinese judge commended the police of the foreign municipality for their work in connection with the case.

**TO REST WITH THEIR ANCESTORS.****CHINESE DEAD FROM OREGON.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 28th. The remains of six hundred and fourteen Chinese, who died in Oregon between 1906 and 1909, will shortly be shipped aboard the Alabama to Hong Kong to rest with their ancestors, in order to attain "peace and contentment," according to the Chinese Benevolent Association which is financing the translation.

**SHIPPING WAR THREATENED.****NEW YORK-HAVANA SERVICE.****CUNARD'S FULL PASSENGER LIST.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 27th. Following the decision of the Cunard Line to put the s.s. Caronia, a 20,000-ton liner, on the New York-Havana service, the United States Shipping Board immediately switched the President Roosevelt on the route, while the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company (the Ward Line) announced a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in passenger rates.

The Ward Line, however, has no vessel under its control of more than 7,000 tons and despite its rate cutting, the s.s. Caronia made her first invasion of the Havana trade to-day, sailing from New York with a full passenger list.

Whether a first-class shipping war is to develop remains to be seen, but the New York World declares that the U.S. Shipping Board's action in the matter has been hasty and ill-considered.

**TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS.****SCHLDT IN FLOOD.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27th. Serious inundations of the whole district north of Termonde have occurred as the result of a violent gale, which caused tidal water to rush in along the Scheldt.

Nearly seven thousand acres, inhabited by 10,000 people, are now under water.

The outlook is made even blacker by the contemplation of high spring tides expected on December 29th, coupled with the hopelessness of attempting to dam up the Scheldt.

**THE KING'S FAIR NIGHT.****TAKING NOURISHMENT.****SECRET TREATMENT.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, Dec. 28th.**

The morning bulletin is regarded in Palace circles as slightly less disquieting. The advance during the last twelve hours is very slight and anxiety at the Palace is only correspondingly lessened.

The physicians chief concern is the general condition, and no definite progress can be made until this shows considerable improvement. Progress in local improvement is not of immediate importance, though it is satisfactory.

The measures the doctors have decided to adopt, as announced in the bulletin, are a closely guarded secret at the moment.

The Prince of Wales called at the Palace twice during the morning and Princess Mary, who intended to go to Yorkshire, will remain in the Palace temporarily.

**Narrow Margin.**

His Majesty passed a fairly quiet night. Reuter learns this morning that no alarm need be felt at present in regard to the King's condition, though the anxiety which has continued during the past week still exists.

The present position is summarised as follows:—The King has had, and still has, a very narrow margin of safety. A check in progress in the case of a man in such a weak condition as His Majesty must be serious.

**LAST BULLETIN.****LONDON, Dec. 28th.**

The bulletin issued at 11.45 states that His Majesty passed a fair night with quieter sleep towards morning. There is less difficulty in taking nourishment and the general state has improved in the last twelve hours.

At the consultation this morning the progress of the past week was reviewed. During that period there has been a definite improvement in the local condition, but on the other hand the general condition as evidenced by weight and strength, does not show the same progress. Measures best adapted to meeting this difficulty, were considered and determined.

A bacteriological examination was carried out yesterday afternoon, and it is understood that the doctors intend to carry out a further review of the whole case to-day when they hope that His Majesty may regain some of the ground lost.

The result of the lapse in progress is that His Majesty's margin of safety has become smaller, and until the King can reach a condition where the margin is wider, anxiety will continue.

**A Slight Check.**

LONDON, Dec. 27th. Reuter was officially informed at 3.15 p.m. that there was no change in the King's condition.

The bulletin, the only one of the day, posted outside Buckingham Palace at 8.30 p.m. states:—

"During to-day the King's condition has not been so satisfactory. There has been a disinclination to take nourishment, and His Majesty's strength has been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady."

(Signed) Stanley Hewett, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

It is understood on high authority that the King's doctors will resume the issue of bulletins in the morning as well as the evening to-morrow.

It is felt in circles competent to judge that to-night's bulletin indicates a slight temporary but none the less definite check in the King's progress.

**Little Nourishment.**

It is pointed out that though the doctors have recently emphasised that His Majesty's progress must necessarily be slow and tedious, the improvement has been even slower than was anticipated.

This unfortunate fact is probably owing to the difficulty of inducing the Royal Patient to take nourishment, the main item of which for some time has been raw eggs.

Even the statement that the pulse remains steady is not regarded as an altogether reassuring sign, since it denotes that while the doctors are satisfied at the moment, they are watching the future with very great attention.

There is a less confident atmosphere at Buckingham Palace to-night, in contrast to the past few days.

For the first time since Sunday, Drs. Howitt and Woods, the Ray Therapy experts, called at the Palace to-night to administer further ray treatment.

**INDIA'S FUTURE STATUS.****SPLIT IN CONGRESS HEALED.****A YEAR'S RESPITE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****CALCUTTA, Dec. 28th.**

A serious split, which occurred within the Indian Congress between the delegates who aim at Dominion status and others aiming at complete independence, has now been mended by the adoption of a compromise resolution on which the leaders can agree.

Subject to the exigencies of the political situation, Congress will adopt the constitution of Dominion status laid down in the Nehru report, provided that it is accepted by the British Parliament on or before December 31st, 1929, but in the event of non-acceptance, Congress will revive non-co-operation and advise the country to refuse taxation.

**SIX COUNSELLORS OF STATE.****SCENE IN H.M.'S ROOM.**

The Daily Express gives the following description of the scene in His Majesty's room at Buckingham Palace when a special commission was appointed to act for the King during his illness:—

The special meeting of the Privy Council held at the Palace to appoint the six Counsellors of State was an historic and dramatic one. It took place in the audience chamber, which is next to the King's bedroom. The door leading into the sickroom was wide open. The Home Secretary, acting-president of the council, stood in the doorway, a few feet from the King, and read the essential documents, so that the King could be fully cognisant of the proceedings.

The King was propped up in bed during the exceedingly brief ceremony. At the end of the warrant appointing the Counsellors was taken to the King's bedside and he signed in a bold and firm hand. The members of the Privy Council did not go into the bedroom, but through the open door they saw the King write as he sat up in bed.

"The King placed an excellent signature to the document," said one of the Privy Counsellors afterwards.

**Premier Present.**

In addition to the Home Secretary, the Duke of York, Mr. Baldwin, Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary, and Sir Maurice Hankey, clerk of the Privy Council, were present.

The appointment of a Commission to act for the King in signing State papers follows the precedent of 1925, when the King went for a cruise in the Mediterranean to complete his recovery after an attack of influenza.

On that occasion the Commission was composed of Pritice Henry, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor (then Lord Cave), and the Prime Minister. The Queen was then abroad with the King.

Each day numbers of important State documents reach Buckingham Palace from the various Government departments for the King's signature, and it is easily understood how necessary it is to have a body which may act for the King.

**Closest Link.**

Unusual circumstances account for the inclusion of the Queen in the Commission. Previous Commissions have been appointed to cover the absence of the Sovereign, but on this occasion the King, although incapacitated, is present, and the Queen forms the closest link between the royal invalid and the new instrument of government.

**"YE SHALL PRAY FOR THE KING."****New Primate's Message To The People.**

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, who is one of the six Counsellors of State, before delivering his sermon at his enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral, said from the pulpit to the standing multitude:—

"Ye shall pray for the King that God may uphold and strengthen him in his weakness, and that ere long he may be restored in health."

"Ye shall pray for the Queen and the Royal Family, and that God may support them in their present anxiety, and that He will give safety and goodness to the Prince of Wales in his journey."

"Ye shall pray for the King's physicians and nurses that God may guide and bless all their endeavours."

**REBELS REPULSED FROM KABUL.****LOYAL TROOPS SUCCESS.****HOSPITAL AND VILLAGES DESTROYED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, Dec. 27th.**

A severe defeat of the Afghan rebels is reported from Kabul, the news being received via Moscow. According to the report, a large army of loyal troops, headed by Vah Khan, the Minister for War, have driven back the rebels from Kabul and have occupied Baghala hill.

The insurgents have also been dislodged from the Darulaman Valley.

Amanullah's troops in the east are holding the Jelalabad and Handamak front.

Government troops have occupied Pagan and driven the rebels 18 miles from Kabul. The rebels have destroyed the military hospital on the Birpala Height and a number of villages around Kabul.

**Difficulties Of Rescue.**

Women and children evacuated by British aeroplanes from the Legations at Kabul other than British include sixteen Germans, ten French, one Swiss and one Rumanian, and approximately twenty Italian, American, Persian, and Turkish residents.

There was serious fear that a heavy fall of snow would make the latter rescues impracticable, owing to the many other difficulties attending rescues by air, which are considerable.

The distance from Kabul to Peshawar is 180 miles and aeroplanes have to fly not only over wild country inhabited by hostile tribesmen, but also over lofty mountain peaks. Every precaution had therefore to be taken.

**"GAZETTE DU FRANC" SCANDAL.****FURTHER ARRESTS MADE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PARIS, Dec. 27th. M. Gillet, the managing director of the financial newspaper *Inter Presse*, and M. Anquetil, the principal director of the financial paper *La Rumeur*, which are alleged to have been associated with the *Gazette du Franc* scandal, have been placed under arrest.

**JOSESSE CONSIGNED TO FLAMES.****PEOPLE SILENT BUT WRATHFUL.**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24th. Drastic measures have been adopted by the Paoshan district authorities to suppress superstition and to lead the people along the lines of truth. The result is that the temples are minus their idols and the people are bewailing their fate because several score of their gods have been reduced to ashes.

It appears that on Friday afternoon last, the district authorities despatched a party of 50 police to the Eastern Peak Temple and destroyed the gods and all other semblances of superstitious beliefs. These men were accompanied by representatives of the district Kuomintang, the educational committee, the finance committee, the reconstruction committee, and the normal school. Systematically they carried out their work and nothing escaped their notice.

Followed visits to the City Temple, the Ya Shih Miao, Wei Tu Miao, Dragon God Temple and the Temple of the God of Water, as well as the Sea Goddess's Temple. Some of these were inside Paoshan city and others were outside but none escaped.

Hundred Deities In Bonfire. The gods were dragged about the streets, then placed in a heap. A fire was made and 100 of the deities went up in flames.

On the following day, other temples were visited. Not a single house of worship in Paoshan or in the countryside escaped notice. The gods were taken out and smashed up, after which they were burnt.

The damage is said to be considerable. So far nothing has happened, but the people, most of whom are of the superstitious class, are seething with wrath so the authorities are taking all precautions to prevent possible trouble.

Meanwhile, meetings have been held to discuss questions with reference to the disposition of the monks and nuns.—N.O. Daily News.

**MORE TROUBLE IN S. AMERICA.****BOLIVIA'S ENCROACHMENTS.****ARMS TRAFFIC STOPPED.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]****WASHINGTON, Dec. 28th.**

A "very grave situation" has arisen, according to the Paraguayan Legation, which alleges that Bolivia has again occupied Fort Vanguardia in El Chaco and advanced twelve miles into the interior. Bolivia has been informed that the transit of arms will not be permitted across the Argentine until the Paraguay dispute has been settled.

**LORD DEWAR'S EPIGRAMS.****SOME OF HIS OWN FAVOURITES.**

Londoners never tire of hearing and trying to memorise Lord Dewar's epigrams.

Lord Dewar, who is a wealthy bachelor and director of the famous whiskey firm that bears his name, has occupied a suite of rooms in the Savoy Hotel for nearly 25 years. Recently he supplied the *Evening News* with a list of his favorites among the thousands of witty sayings he is credited with originating.

These appear under several headings, the first being about Life:

Life is made up of trials, with an occasional conviction.

To some mothers, life is just one darn stocking after another.

Every man has a black and white side of life.

Most men are believers in heredity until the son makes a fool of himself.

Man reaps what he sows, unless he be an amateur gardener.

Four-fifths of the perjury of the world is expended on tombstones.

Providence never intended us to be equal except when we are asleep.

On the subject of Matrimony, Lord Dewar says:

Wreck On Permanent Wave. No man is so good but a good woman can make him better.

A golden wedding is when a couple have gone fifty-fifty.

Marriage is a great institution, for those who like institutions.

Many a bachelorship has been wrecked on a permanent wave. Marriage is a committee of two, with power to add to their numbers.

There are more mormons in London than in Salt Lake City, but their wives don't know it.

Two pronouncements on Divorce follow his marriage observations:

Divorce is a great institution: it keeps women in circulation.

If husbands went everywhere their wives told them to go, there would be fewer divorces but more widows.

Dewar's philosophy of life shows in the following bits of wisdom:

A philosopher is a man who can look at an empty glass with a smile.

It is much better to have a few hundreds in the bank than millions on the brain.

Women's Place In Channel.

No gentleman has ever heard your story before.

To achieve disarmament build battleships by public subscription.

A man's reputation is that which is not found out about him.

It seems to me that woman's place is no longer in the home; it is in the channel.

A man who hides behind a woman's skirts to-day is not a coward; he is a magician.

When a man says his word is as good as his bond, get his bond.

We have been told that man is the noblest work of God but nobody ever said so except man.

It is a wise wife who laughs at her husband's jokes.

Poets are born, not paid.

The road to success is filled with women pushing their husbands along.

It is not so much what a man stands for as what he falls for.

Looking at the world to-day, Lord Dewar has observed:

There are no idle rich; they are all dodging people who want their money.

Motor cars are increasing by leaps and bounds—pedestrians are surviving by the same process.

"Adam's Rib," a small part that has developed into a loud speaker.



## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## TO-DAY'S FIXTURES AND PROSPECTS.

The following games are down for decision to-day—

## Hong Kong League: Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

China Athletic v. K.O.S.B., Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Wt. Engr. Barber, R.N.

Queen's Regt. v. South China, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong F.C., King's Park ground. Referee: Cox, Willis.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

South China "A" v. K.O.S.B., Res., Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Sergt. Clark.

Eastern F.C. v. Royal Navy Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Leo-Corpi. Grieve.

Queen's Regt. Res. v. Kowloon Res., Chatham Road ground. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

R.A. Res. v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Lawrence.

Club de Recreio Res. v. South China "B", King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

China Athletic Res. v. Small Units Res., Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Sergt. Toms.

## THE TEAMS AND THEIR CHANCES.

A battle royal is expected on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo where South China are due to meet the Queen's Regt. South China have dropped only one point in the League this season, being the result of a draw with the China Athletic last week. The Queen's have dropped two points, owing to a defeat by the Police.

Both teams are holding strong to-day and with Barclay and Chalmers out (Chalmers was unable to turn out in the Christmas Day game), South China defence will be severely tested. Hooper got a shaking up against China in the Charity game but it is understood that he will be fit to-day. A win for either team will place them in a sound position at the head of the League table.

The crowd will be on the H.K.F.C. ground where the Athletic receive the Borderers. These teams always put up a good game when they meet and with Reeves in shooting form, the military side should win. Last week they unexpectedly failed against Kowloon.

The Athletic had several men injured last week against South China but they will turn out at full strength to-day. The game will be a very fast one and little between the teams when the final whistle sounds.

The Club de Recreio are at home to the Hong Kong F.C. to-day. The game should attract a good crowd, this being the only senior game in the peninsula. With Gosano out again, the Recreio should have little difficulty in taking full points.

Among the juniors, the leaders, K.O.S.B. and Navy are expected to take full points from South China "A" and Eastern respectively.

The Queen's Regt. should account for Kowloon, on the Chatham Road ground.

At Sookunpoo the Gunners will be hard pressed and will have to be all out to take a point from the College team.

Club de Recreio will find South China "B" fielding a strong team and the visitors are expected to take full points.

The Small Units will be out against China Athletic on the Hong Kong F.C. ground. The Small Units have shown great improvement lately but they will find the Athletic in good form. The Athletic should win easily.

## CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

## ARMY v. THE REST FOR M.C.L. FUNDS.

A special football match, the Army v. The Rest of the Colony, will be played at Sookunpoo, on Tuesday, January 1st, in aid of the Ministering Children's League.

Sir Shou-sun Chow will kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, the massed Drums of 1st Bn. the Queen's Royal Regiment, and 1st Bn. Beds and Herts Regiment, will play from 2.45 p.m.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have again presented a "Globe" football for the match, and this will be raffled at half-time. Messrs. H. Ratcliffe & Sons have kindly presented a trophy to the holder of an admission ticket number, which will be drawn by Sir Shou-sun Chow at half-time.

Last year, owing to inclement weather, the gate receipts were comparatively small, and it is hoped that with the generous support of all followers of the game, the amount handed over this year will be a record.

## INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

## DISCUSSION AT H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING.

## SHIELD COMPETITION DRAW.

Arrangements in connection with the forthcoming visit of Interport footballers from Shanghai and other matters concerning local matches were discussed at a Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday afternoon.

Mr. J. Ormiston presided at the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. R. Hall, and he extended a hearty welcome to Mr. A. T. Hamilton, who he said was an ardent supporter and a faithful friend of the Association. The Chairman, Mr. J. P. White, of H.M.S. Bruce, who will take the place of Warman-Engel, Barber on the Council.

In connection with the Interport match with Shanghai, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. E. Hollands reported that he had written to Shanghai inviting them to send down a team, but as he had heard nothing until a week ago he despatched a cable. A reply had since been received stating that Shanghai will be sending a team about February 5th.

A sub-committee was appointed to make all the arrangements for the interport match and to select the Hong Kong team. The gentlemen chosen as the sub-committee were Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. J. Lawrence, Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A., Mr. R. Hall and Lieut.-Comdr. J. P. White.

## Shield Competition.

The draw for the first round of the Shield Competition to be played on January 19th resulted as under:—

Division I.—Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Football Club, on the Recreio ground. Navy v. K.O.S.B., on the South China ground. Remainder of the teams entering to count as byes.

Division II.—R.A. v. South China "B" at Sookunpoo. China Athletic "B" v. Club de Recreio, on the Chinese ground. South China "A" v. Queen's at Caroline Hill. China Athletic v. K.O.S.B., on the Club ground. Police v. Kowloon, on the St. Joseph's ground. The R.A.F., Navy and P.W.D. Chinese to stand as byes.

## "Sunday Herald" Cup Final.

Arrangements were also discussed in connection with the final of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup match in which the contestants will be teams representing England and Portugal. England entered the final by defeating China on Christmas Day, and Scotland were beaten by Portugal the following day. The date of the final was fixed for January 26th.

## Statement of Accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. T. May, presented his statement of accounts made up to date. Under Interport Account the statement showed a sum of \$8,258.20 in the bank including the Lai Wah Cup competition proceeds. A bank balance of \$5,678.49 was reported under General Account. He also reported that sums of \$10.33 and \$10.80 in silver money had been returned by the bank as bad coins.

## FANLING HUNT.

## FIXTURE LIST FOR JANUARY 1929.

December 30th.—Cross Country Scramble—Meet at Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads, 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 1st.—Hunt Ride—Meet at Hungers Arms, 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, 6th.—Paper Hunt—Jan. Cup—Meet at Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads, 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, 13th.—Point to Point—Jan. Cup—Meet to be announced.

Saturday, 19th.—Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwantli.

Sunday, 27th.—K.O.S.B. Gymkhana.

February 2nd and 3rd.—Paper Chase, etc., at Canton. (By kind invitation of the Members of the Canton Ride).

By the kind invitation of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn and the Officers of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B., two events in the Gymkhana on January 27th are confined to the subscribers of the Fanling Hunt. Conditions will be announced later.

"Any members desiring information re Paper Chase, etc., at Canton can obtain same from Messrs. Thomson & Co., York Building, Chater Road.

No fixtures can be arranged with the hounds as yet, owing to an outbreak of distemper, and as soon as conditions improve, particulars will be announced.

## KOWLOON F.C. RESERVES v. QUEEN'S RESERVES.

The following will represent the Kowloon Reserves v. Queen's Reserves on Chatham Road ground to-day. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus, Nicholls and Hest; Moore, Robson and Blacklock; Hannan, Davies, Moss, King and Dunnett. Reserve: Seddon.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## 1929 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

## AN EARLIER START.

## KEEN COMPETITION EXPECTED.

The Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, which includes the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony, has been scheduled to commence on Wednesday, February 13th, which is over a fortnight earlier than is usual. Such an early start is appreciated by players, as it means the matches will be played in cooler weather and that it is hoped to conclude the Tournament before the rainy season, which has invariably interrupted the progress of the Tournament.

The events are as follow:—

1.—Men's Championship Singles. Open to any player resident in the Colony. For Challenge Cup presented by the late Sir C. P. Chater. (Holder Mr. T. Honda 1928).

2.—Men's Championship Doubles. Open to any player resident in the Colony. Two Challenge Cups presented by Mr. Ho Kom Tong. (Holders Messrs. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn 1928). The Committee reserve to themselves the right to restrict the number of entries if too numerous.

The following events are open to Members and Subscribers of the Club only:—

Club Championship. (All rounds best of 3 sets, except semi-finals and final, best of 5 sets):—

"Handicap Singles "A."

"Handicap Singles "B."

Handicap Doubles.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.

Entries Close on Saturday, January 19th.

Non-playing members may enter for Events 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 upon payment \$1 extra entrance fee for each event.

Ladies, whose husbands are not members or subscribers of the Cricket Club, or who, if unmarried, are not living with some relative who is a member or subscriber, cannot enter for event No. 7 unless the committee give special permission.

## Open Championships.

Chief interest naturally will centre in the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony. The forthcoming competitions bid fair to be unusually keen, and although no new talent of a formidable nature is expected, rivalry among last year's leading lights is exceedingly great.

Among the new-comers Goldman and McEachran are most prominent. The latter has had experience in first class tournaments along the China Coast and showed up very well in Tientsin and Canton, winning the Singles Championship at the latter port. McEachran is a brainy and resourceful player, but is one of the veterans. Still he ought to do well as doubles. Goldman comes from Shanghai where he has a reputation as a sportsman. He plays a strong game and should give any of the best local players a good match.

## Open Singles.

The struggle for the Singles honours is expected to be as keen as ever. T. Honda, S. A. Rumjahn, Ng Sze Kwong and S. E. Green, who have held the title at one time or other, are still active on the courts, and in all probability they will compete again. Others whose performances will attract attention are:—Ho Ka Lau, H. D. Rumjahn, M. W. Lo, M. K. Lo, E. C. Lawrence, T. Isomura, D. Finch, Goldman, Very Rev. Alfred Swann, and J. Cassumbhoy.

Ho Ka Lau has lately been in very fine form and should be retained, he ought to be a strong candidate for honours. Finch, who has shown improvement year by year is a favourite in many quarters. Many still remember his fine performance against Honda, last year in the semi-final. J. Cassumbhoy should also be to the fore next spring. He did extremely well last year against Honda, whom he stretched to five sets, and as he is reported to have improved since the last tournament, it will be interesting to see how he will fare. M. W. Lo has also shown good form lately and is out to make another bid for the championship, after an absence last year.

## Open Doubles.

The Open Doubles is, at present, a very open affair. The Rumjahn cousins, who have held the Championship for the last four years, are defending the title, but their position is not, by any means, as secure as formerly. Of late, they have suffered several reverses and unless they pick up their game quickly, (Continued on next Column).

## GOLF.

## ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

## STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.34 a.m.	J. S. Dykes and D. M. Goodall.
9.38 "	H. Spicer and H. U. Ireland.
9.38 "	J. S. MacLaren and C. Davidson.
9.36 "	A. E. Lissaman and S. T. Butlin.
9.40 "	C. W. Jeffries and L. J. Blackburn.
9.44 "	N. K. Littlejohn and W. J. S. Key.
9.48 "	I. H. Geare and L. R. Andrews.
9.52 "	A. H. Ferguson and A. Ritchie.
9.58 "	P. P. J. Woodhouse and J. W. Franks.
10.00 "	H. A. Lammeret and F. J. de Ruyter.
10.04 "	E. R. Hallifax and E. I. McBarrett.
10.03 "	E. P. Fletcher and A. R. Cox.
10.12 "	A. Morley and C. J. Waddell.
10.10 "	D. H. Lewis and G. E. Towns.
10.20 "	L. Garner and G. E. Purves.
10.24 "	A. Leach and A. B. Macdonald.
10.28 "	D. G. G. Macdonald and Major Beannish.
10.32 "	J. Harrop and W. A. Stewart.
10.36 "	G. R. Horridge and T. Low.
10.40 "	W. Beveridge and J. Hall.
10.44 "	A. Ritchie and C. Mycock.
10.48 "	A. Sommerfelt and Capt. Sanders.

## BOGEY POOL—FANLING DECEMBER 22nd-27th.

R. E. Greensmith ..... 4 up wins.  
E. D. Lawrence ..... 2 up second.  
Others scores:—A. E. Lissaman, L. W. Shevan, Capt. A. W. Davidson, all square; E. G. S. Dowell, C. E. Holmes, H. U. Ireland, one down. 83 cards were taken out.

## MEDAL COMPETITION.

H. U. Ireland (wins) ..... 84 = 7 = 77  
Other scores:—  
E. W. Kirk ..... 90 = 10 = 80  
L. G. S. Dowell ..... 88 = 5 = 81  
21 cards taken out.

## WALTER HAGEN.

The R.H.K.G.C. have opened a guarantee list in connection with the possible visit of Walter Hagen. A reply must be sent almost at once to the cable of enquiry from Hagen's manager, and the nature of the reply will depend not so much on the amount guaranteed as the number of guarantors as the latter gives a better indication of the demand amongst members for an exhibition game.

Lists are opened at Fanling and the Hong Kong Club—but the Secretary of the R.H.K.G.C. would be glad if members who wish to join in the guarantee will communicate with him before noon on Monday next.

## ENGLISH TEST TEAM.

## NO CHANGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28th. No change is made for the Third Test Match in the English team, which is consequently as follows:—A. P. F. Chapman (Kent), Capt. J. C. White (Somerset), D. R. Jardine (Surrey), Hobbs (Surrey), Sutcliffe (Yorkshire), Hammond (Gloucester), Hendren (Middlesex), Lawwood (Notts), Geary (Leicester), Tate (Sussex), Duckworth (Lanc).

## Australia's Captain.

J. S. Ryder has been appointed Captain and W. M. Woodfull vice-captain of the Australian team.

they will find their opponents hard to beat. Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham, who have beaten them twice, appear to be the strongest contenders for the title. The doctor has improved remarkably and now plays a forceful game, his overhead work being especially good. Other formidable names are the Lo brothers, and Finch brothers and Honda and Akiyama.

## Club Championship.

The absence of the holder, Major W. B. Stevenson, naturally robs this event of some of its interest. Still some good matches should be seen. E. D. Lawrence, Goldman, McEachran, and S. E. Green are among the leading players. G. W. Sewell, who has run Green very close is expected to compete again. Much depends on individual form as these players are all about the same standard.

## CHESS REFORM.

## CAPABLANCA'S NEW SCHEME.

## 100 SQUARES AND TWO NEW PIECES.

In a long letter in the Times, Senor Capablanca made the interesting suggestion that the scope of the game of chess should be extended by adding two new pieces (one with the powers of the Knight and the Bishop, and the other with the powers of the Knight and the Rook), and by enlarging the board to 100 squares.

His contention is that, under present conditions, the game tends to become stereotyped, and that it is now possible for a master to draw almost every game he plays.

In the following article, the London Observer chess correspondent, Mr. Brian Harley, criticises Capablanca's proposals, and contends his thesis as to the exhaustion of the game:—

Capablanca has the temerity to suggest such drastic alterations of the rules as an expansion of the time-honoured sixty-four squares to 100, and the addition of two new pieces, duplicated on each side of the board. He emphasises more than once that Capu-chess (as I christen it in advance) is not for the man in the café, but for experts only.

Just one little question. How are the ranks of the officer class to be recruited? Is it proposed to endow a Capu-chess Sandhurst, in which promising young highbrows shall be trained in the fearsome intricacies of a 10 by 10 board, and pieces combining respectively the powers of rook and bishop, and knight and knight? The present process of producing a great player seems more satisfactory—a natural evolution from the café to the club; thence to the status of first-class amateur, who occasionally blossoms out into a so-called minor master, and climbs painfully into the great master's chair.

I doubt if there is a real demand for such a thing as Capu-chess. Why do not those experts who favour it, apart from Capablanca, become vocal on the subject? Alkheia, at any rate, is merely amused by the idea. Capablanca's despair of master-chess began, he says, soon after his victory over Dr. Lasker in 1921. And now he gives it only fifteen years of life at the outside. Poor old chess! Soon, one man will be able to draw every game at will; and if one why not everyone?

## Memory Not Enough.

This conclusion is based, it seems, on the fact that a few players have been able to memorise some thousands of games, and the probability that they will memorise a few more thousands. But these phenomena are extremely rare, and have never yet reached the very first class in chess. A memory is not enough. One must be prepared to meet the unexpected move, made by an opponent who has not memorised as many thousands as oneself.

Capablanca claims that the proportion of draws to won games has increased of late. On the whole, he is right, but I hold that this is mainly due to the prevailing fashion of the "close" game, which a new genius may at any time upset. In 1910 Schlechter and Lasker drew eight out of their ten games, and just as surprising figures can be found further back, proving that two experts who persist in conducting the same opening will get inconclusive results. The "drawing-master" is always with us, and will persist even in Capu-chess.

## The Real Need.

Games are longer, says Capablanca, and quotes the very low average of thirty moves at his first international tourney, San Sebastian, 1911. I have had the curiosity to take out figures of the great Hastings Tourney of 1895 (in which three or four times as many games were contested as at San Sebastian), and make the average to be over forty, which is Capablanca's figure for modern tourneys. Seventeen years ago, at San Sebastian, Capablanca and some others of the moderns were brilliant youths, who had not lost their first fine careless rapture. It is the masters of chess, and not the rules, that want new blood.

As for Capu-chess, it is, in any case, much too thoroughgoing an extension of chess. It is not a new idea. Small coteries have amused themselves, from time to time, with a larger board and new combination of pieces. The problemist is familiar in "Fairy Chess," with scalled crocodiles, dragons, and the rest of the menagerie. But no one of Capablanca's position and prestige in the chess world has previously become a convert to a fundamental revision of the game. I do not think he will succeed in his campaign. Chess will remain chess for a century or two yet.

## DR. KNOWLES' TRIAL.

## CASE TO BE REVISED IN LONDON.

## THREE POSSIBLE COURSES.

KUMASI, December 2nd. The appeal of Dr. Benjamin Knowles, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Miss Madge Clifton, the music-hall artist, has been allowed, and the case has now been transferred to London, where it will be brought before the Privy Council for revision.

The appeal was lodged on the grounds that Dr. Knowles was tried only by a circuit judge, juries not being allowed in Ashanti. Reuter.

The Daily Express understands that there has been close communication between Sir Alexander Slater, the Governor of the Gold Coast, and the Colonial Office in relation to the case of Dr. Knowles. Sir Alexander, in considering the evidence given at the trial and the whole legal position, had the advice of Acting Chief Justice of the colony, Sir P. C. Smyly, the Chief Justice, is at present in England on leave.

## Three Courses Open.

A legal authority pointed out yesterday that there are three courses before the Judicial Committee in reference to the appeal.

Consider the transcript of the evidence, with the notes of the judge who tried Dr. Knowles on the murder charge, and decide whether the conviction shall be upheld, amended, or quashed.

Order a new trial to take place before the Supreme Court of the colony, when counsel would appear for the prosecution and the defence, and a jury of Europeans would be empanelled.

Try the charge against Dr. Knowles in England, and summon before them all the material witnesses.

Counsel for the prosecution and the defence will appear before the Judicial Committee to argue the issue.

## NEW DOG RACING SENSATION.

## THREE STEWARDS RESIGN AGAIN.

## ACCEPTED BY G.R.A.

The three stewards of the National Greyhound Racing Club Captain E. A. V. Stanley, Major B. D. Corbet, and General Sir E. Bethune—have resigned for the second time in three months, says a copy to hand of the Daily Express.

This time their resignations have been accepted, and, at a meeting of the club, a vote of thanks was passed for their services. The previous resignation, in August last, was understood to be a protest because a dispute had arisen with the National Greyhound Racing Society over the question of a close season during the winter.

The stewards only withdrew their resignations on the understanding that there would be no interference with their opinions or actions. A meeting of the club was held recently to consider a proposal by the National Greyhound Racing Society that a new board of control for the sport should be formed. No decision was reached.

The resigning stewards nominated in their place Major-General Lord Loch, Mr. H. Sawtell, and Lord Lawrence. The resignations of the following members were also accepted:—Mr. F. Clarke, Captain P. R. Astley, and Major C. B. Ormerod.

## "Jinx's" Prophecy.

Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, in a letter to Mr. John Buchan, M.P., writes: "I have made careful inquiries from the Metropolitan Police, and I find that there has been a very marked decrease in the attendances at greyhound racing."

"As you are aware from the public Press, there has been a marked fall in the value of the shares of most of the companies. I always took the view that the sport would not be a very lasting one, and I still hold that opinion; in fact, I think that if you and your friends will let the matter stand for the moment you may find that by next year the sport will be almost at an end; at all events, I am satisfied that there is no probability of its increase."

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### HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 28th.

Previous On Date On Date at at at

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 12 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.08 30.13 30.09

Temperature ... 80 85 73

Humidity ... 81 75 63

Wind ... E ... Calm ... W

Direction ... E ... Calm ... W

Force ... 4 ... 0 ... 2

Weather ... B ... CM ... B

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 27th: 79

Lowest open-air Temperature, 28th: 64

B-Blue sky; O-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; P-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 28th, 1928, to Jan. 4th, 1929

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week Date of Month

Time of High Water

Time of Low Water

Height of High Water

Height of Low Water

Sat. 29 10 44 3 3 26 0 3

Sun. 30 11 36 4 3 26 0 6

Mon. 31 12 32 5 4 26 0 3

Tues. 1 1 27 6 4 26 0 0

Wed. 2 2 28 7 1 26 0 3

Thurs. 3 3 29 8 1 26 0 6

Fri. 4 4 30 9 1 26 0 9

Sat. 5 5 31 10 1 26 0 2

### THE DARCOILA'S CREW.

### TO BE PAID OFF.

SHARP PASSAGES BETWEEN SOLICITORS.

CASE ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

The charge against twelve members of the crew of the British vessel Darcoila was adjourned sine die by the Marine Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, who appeared on behalf of the master, Captain John Ferguson, intimated to his Worship that the crew had agreed to be paid off and repatriated. Meanwhile the defendants would remain at the Seamen's Institute until money arrived from the owners at home.

The Magistrate replied that it would mean that the ship would have to be detained until the money arrived.

We understand that a telegram has been despatched to the owners and in all probability the money will be paid off in a day or two. Meanwhile they remain on the ship's articles receiving full wages.

### The Morning Hearing.

At the morning hearing Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared on behalf of the twelve defendants, Mr. C. E. C. Marton held a watching brief on behalf of the Company, Mr. G. W. Coysh, Deputy Shipping Master was present and also the Revd. G. T. Waldegrave, of the Missions to Seamen, and Sub-Inspector Andrews of the Water Police.

Application for Amendment of Charge.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. Hall Brutton asked leave to amend the charge of "disobeying the lawful command of the Captain," to what he considered as the true and correct charge under which the "refusing without reasonable cause to proceed to sea" followed by an additional charge of "combining with others of the crew in disobeying the orders of the Master so as to impede the progress of the ship."

Mr. Russ asked his Worship what was the actual charge. Mr. Brutton had given him to understand that an additional charge would be made, but he did not know anything of the charges just mentioned.

Mr. Brutton replied that actually it was not he who framed the charge. The Captain had lodged his protest to the Police who made out what they considered to be the correct charge. This was his first opportunity to ask leave to amend the charge. He did not know that it was the Police and not the Master, who had framed the charge.

Mr. Russ retorted that his long experience of the police had taught him that they were very capable in that connection.

The Magistrate said that he would proceed with the standing charge and should there later be any cause or justification for the charge to be amended it would be done.

Mr. Russ objected on the grounds that he would not know the charge his clients would have to answer. If the prosecution was going to switch over to a charge of conspiracy, then he would have to call a great deal of other evidence. The prosecution seemed to be very flippant as to the exact charge on which they were going to proceed. They "seemed to change the ground every moment," Mr. Russ concluded.

Mr. Brutton observed that he could not continue under the standing charge. What had actually happened was that the ship was to have sailed at 12.30 p.m. and a few minutes before that time, the crew refused to proceed, when the necessary orders were given.

Mr. Russ: Having heard the Captain yesterday, I don't know if he ever gave the command.

Mr. Hall Brutton: Excuse me Mr. Russ.

Mr. Russ: No, I'm not going to be bullied by you, Mr. Brutton. The more I go into the case the more I am astounded. I would like to know if the command was ever given at all.

Mr. Brutton (to his Worship): I must ask for the amendment of the charge to the real charges which I have mentioned. It will not deprive Mr. Russ of any defence which he might have to submit.

Convinced Against His Will.

Mr. Hall Brutton remarked that certain people had been on board the ship to make an inspection after complaints had been made. This would be in the nature of prejudiced evidence if heard at the Shipping Office.

Mr. Russ replied that one could hardly call the Rev. T. G. Waldegrave a prejudiced witness. He had been on board and had been convinced against his will that the things alleged were possible on a British ship. Mr. Russ added that he had himself been astounded at what he had seen.

The Magistrate replied that the best way to start off would be to hand the matter over to the Shipping Office who could deal with it much more quickly than the Court.

Mr. Russ: I should think that anybody who has the true interest of the Marconi, Marine at heart would like the proceedings to be heard privately.

A Telegram And What Is Said.

At this juncture, a messenger handed Mr. Hall Brutton a telegram, and after reading it, he handed it to the Magistrate saying, "That is the answer." The form was also shown to Mr. Russ, who exclaimed "Ah—Now I understand exactly what I was told yesterday, but which I did not believe."

Authority To Sign On Chinese Crew.

It is understood that the telegram was a reply to the Captain, who had wired for £2,000, and authority to pay off the British crew, and engage a Chinese crew. Whatever the result of the proceedings, the reply we learn instructed the Captain to sail without delay, and authorising the charge of crew.

Mr. Russ then asked whether his clients would receive their wages in full. He hoped that his men would be left in the hands of the Magistrate and the Shipping Office and not with the Master.

The Magistrate replied that they were fully protected by agreement, and adjourned the Court until 4 p.m. to enable details of the paying off to be discussed with the Shipping Master.

Crew To Be Paid Off.

At the resumption in the afternoon, Mr. Brutton said that the men had agreed to be paid off and repatriated, and this would be done as soon as the money was received from the owners. Meanwhile the men would be kept at the Seamen's Institute. The Magistrate replied that in that case, the ship would have to be detained until the payment was made, and adjourned the case sine die.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the defendants gathered round Mr. Waldegrave, who advised them to return to the ship and wait until they received their money, they should then come to the Seamen's Institute, where they would be looked after until arrangements were made for their repatriation. It is hoped to ship the men home by a liner which sails in a few days. The Darcoila hopes to engage a Chinese crew and sail on January 5th.

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All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1928. [7144]

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All Claims must reach us before the 14th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. JEBSEN & CO., Agents. Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1928. [7147]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised. Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature. MELOHRS & CO., Agents. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1928. [7146]

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TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	2nd Jan.	4th Jan.	AMOT & SHANGHAI	
TJTAROEM	JAVA, MAKASSAR	11th Jan.	13th Jan.	AMOT & N. CHINA	
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	16th Jan.	18th Jan.	AMOT & SHANGHAI	

TO MANILA.					
STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA			
TJIKINI	2nd January, 1 p.m.	8th January			
TJIMANOEK	16th January, 1 p.m.	19th January			
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